¶ *Anno octauo Reginæ Elizabethe.*

At the Parliament

by prorogation holden at VVeſt-*minſter the laſt day of September, in* the eight yeere of the raigne of our ſoueraigne *Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of* GOD, *of Englande,* Fraunce, and Irelande Queene, defender of the fayth, &c. and there continued to the ende and diſſolution of the ſame:

To the hygh pleaſure of almyghtie GOD, and the weale publique of this Realme, amongſt other were enacted as ſolweth.

Anno Chriſti. 1566.

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The fyrst Chapter.



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and the greatest states of this Realme: Therfore, for the auoyding of this slaunderous speach, and to the intent that euery man that desyryng to know the trueth, may playnely vnderstande that the same vayll speach and talke is not grounded vpon any iust matter or cause: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche suche authorities as doth allowe and approue the makyng and consecratyng of the same Archbyshops and Byshops to be duely and orderly done, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and therevppon further to prouide for the more suretie thereof, as hereafter shalbe specified.

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and other his dominions, shoulde be elected & made, as by the same more plainely appeareth. And that also the late kyng of worthy memory, kyng Edwarde the syxth, dyd lawfully succeede the sayde late kyng Henry his father in the imperiall crowne of this Realme, and did iustly possesse and enioy al the same power, iurisdiction, and authoritie before mentioned, as a thyng to hym descended with the same imperiall crowne, and so vsed the same duryng his lyfe. And that also the sayd late kyng Edward the sixt, in his time, by auctoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke: entituled, The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rytes and ceremonies in the Churche of Englande, to be made and set foorth, not onely for one vniforme order of seruice, Common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be vsed within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also dyd adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme howe Archbyshops, Byshops, Preistes, Deacons, and Ministers, should from tyme to tyme be consecrated, made, and ordered within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more plainely wyl and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, aswel the sayd Act and Statute made in the .xxv. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late king Henry the eyght, as also the seuerall Actes & Statutes made in the second, thyrd, fourth, fyfth, and syxth yeeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, for the auctorisyng and allowyng of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amonges diuers other Actes and Statutes touchyng the sayde supreme auctoritie, were repelled: Yet neuertheless, at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the first yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that now is, by one other Acte and Statute there made, all suche iurisdictions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, Spirituall and Ecclesiasticall, as by any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power or auctoritie hath heretofore been, or may lawfully be vsed ouer the Ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely, by the auctoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and Statue, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, full power and auctoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to tyme, to assigne, name, and auctorise such person or persons, as she or they shall thinke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her highnesse, all maner of iurisdictions, priuileges, preheminences, and auctorities, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall

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excellent Maiestie, being most iustly and lawfully inuested in the
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straunth by the sayde Actes, Statutes, and orders, annexed to the
sayde booke of Common prayer before mentioned. And further,
for the auoydyng of all ambiguities, and questions that myght be
moued against the lawfull confyrmations, inuestyng, and con-
secrations of the sayde Archbyshops, and Byshops, her hyghnesse in
her letters patentes vnder the great Seale of Englande, directed
to any Archbyshop, Byshop, or others, for the confirming, inuesting,
and consecratyng of any person, elected to the office or dignitie of
an Archbyshop, or Byshop, hath not onely vsed such wordes and
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Henrie and King Edwarde, her Maiesties father and brother, in their lyke letters patentes, made for suche causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, diuers other generall woordes and sentences, whereby her hyghnesse by her supreame power and aucthoritie, hath dispensed with all caules, or doubtes of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or may in any wyse be obiected agaynst the same, as by her Maiesties sayd letters patentes remaynyng of recorde, more planely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consyder of the effect and true intent of the sayd Lawes and Statutes, and of the supreame and absolute aucthoritie of the Queenes hyghnesse, and which she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes hath vsed and put in vre, in, and about the makyng and consecratyng of the sayd Archbyshoppes, and Byshoppes: it is, and may be very euident and apparant, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubte, can, or may iustly be obiected agaynst the sayde elections, confyrmations, or consecrations, or any other material thing, meete to be vsed or had, in, or about the same: but that euery thyng requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath been made and doone as precisely, and with as great care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was doone before her Maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her Maiesties sayde father and brothers time, and also of her owne time, wyl more playnly testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the playne declaration of all the premisses, and to the intent that the same may the better be knowen to euery of the Queenes Maiestes subiectes, whereby such euyll speache, as heretofore hath been vsed agaynst the sayde hygh state of Prelacie may hereafter ceasse: Be it now declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Acte and Statute made in the fyrst yeere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the sayd booke of Common prayer and the administration of Sacraments, with other rites & ceremonies, is auctherised and allowed to be vsed, shall stand and remayne good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that suche order and forme for the consecratyng of Archbyshops and Byshops, and for the makyng of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set foorth in the tyme of the sayde late Kyng Edwarde the fyrst, and added to the sayd booke of Common prayer, and auctherised by Parliament in the syxth and syxth yeere of the sayd late Kyng, shall stand, and be in full force and effecte, and shall from henceforth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreyes. And that al Actes and thynges heretofore had, made, or doone, by any person or persons, in, or about any consecration, confyrmation, or inuestyng of any per-

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ing persons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyshop, or Byshop within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions or Countreyes, by vertue of the Queenes Maiesties letters patentes or Commission, sythence the beginning of her Maiesties raigne, be, and shalbe by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at, and from euery of the seuerall tymes of the doyng thereof, good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: any matter or thyng that can or may be obiected to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And that all persons that haue been, or shalbe made, ordered, or consecrated Archbyshops, Byshops, Priestes, Ministers of Gods holy woorde and Sacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order prescribed in the sayd order and fourme how Archbyshops, Byshops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde be consecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede, and also by auctoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and shalbe Archbyshops, Byshops, Priestes, Ministers, and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and consecrated: any Statute, Lawe, Canon, or other thing to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and neuertheless be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shall at any tyme hereafter be impeached or molested, in body, landes, liuynges, or goodes, by occasion or meane of any Certificate by any Archbyshop, or Byshop heretofore made, or before the last day of this present session of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Acte made in the fyrst session of this present Parliament, touchyng or concernyng the refusall of the othe, declared and set foorth by Acte of Parliament, in the fyfte yeare of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth: any thing in this Acte, or any other Act or Statute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that all tenders of the sayd othe, made by any Archbyshop or Byshop aforesayde, or before the last day of this present session to be made by auctoritie of any Acte establyshed in the fyrst session of this present Parliament, and all refusalles of the same othe so tendred, or before the last day of this present session, to be tendred by any Archbyshop or Byshop, by auctoritie of any Acte establyshed in the fyrst session of this present Parliament, shalbe voyde, and of none effect or validitie in the lawe.

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For remedy whereof, be it enacted and ordeyned by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that when, and as often, as any perſon or perſons, after the firſt day of January next comming, ſhal ſue forth, or by any meane cauſe, or procure to be ſued forth of the ſayd Court commonly called the Kings Bench, any of the writtes or proceſſe before mentioned, agaynſt any perſon or perſons, which vpon the ſame writ or writtes ſhal happen to be arreſted, or which ſhal appeare vpon the returne of any the ſayd writtes or proceſſe, & ſhal put in his or their baile or bailes, to aunſwere ſuch ſuite as ſhalbe obiected againſt him, according to the common order of the court: that the in euery ſuch cale, yf the partie or parties, at whoſe ſuite, meanes or pro-

procurement, the same writte, writtes, or processe was obteyned or sued forth, do not within three dayes next after suche Bayle had ben taken, put into the same court his or theyr declaration agaynst the same partie or parties, agaynst whom suche wryttes or processe shall ben or shalbe sued: or if after declaration had and put into the same court, the playntiffe in suche case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shall wyllyngly and apparauntly to the same court delay his or theyr sayde suite to be delayed, or shall after declaration had, suffer the same suite to be discontinued, or otherwyse shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in euery suche case, the Iudges of the sayd court for the time being, shal by their discretions, from time to time, as they shall see or perceiue any suche default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procurement, such writs or processe was sued forth, awarde and iudge to euery suche person and persons, so arrested, vexed, molested, or troubled by such wryts, to paye his and theyr costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such wryts, processe, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had against him, to be payde by suche person or persons that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such wryttes or processe to be sued forth, as is aforesayd.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall after the sayde fyrst day of Januarie, sue or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to answere to any byll, playnt, action, or suite, in the sayde court of Marshalsey, or in any courte within the sayde Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place exempte, where any libertie or priuilege is vsed to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and doo not in all courtes, hauing their continuaunce, De die in diem, within three dayes next after suche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendauntes shalbe bayled, or otherwyse appeare in courte, by force of any arrest or attachement had and returned, and in all other courtes at the nexte sessions or court to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachementes, and appearaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendauntes, where as the sayde partie defendaunt or defendauntes, shalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further day shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the courte, from whence any writte, processe, or attachement shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his byll, or declaration, agaynst suche person or persons, as so by his suite and meanes shalbe attached or arrested, into suche courte where the partie by suche attachement or arrest is compelled or ought to appeare, or yf any suche person or persons, at whose suite or meanes any suche attachement or arrest of any person or persons, shalbe so had or made, after his declaration,

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byll or playnt exhibited, doo not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shall suffer the same to be discontinued, or shal after be nonsuite in the same, or wyllyngly and apparauntly to the same court shall for veration of the defendaunt in suche suite delay the same suite: that then in euery suche case, the Judge or Judges of euery suche courte, before whom any person or persons shall so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occasion or meane of any suche attachment or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shall foorthwith by his or theyr discretion, from tyme to tyme, as he or they shal see or perceiue any suche default or delay in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachment or arrest to be had, awarde and iudge to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde fyrst day of Januarie shall so be attached, arrested, molested, vexed, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any suche attachment, arrest, or suite so had and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so dooth, or shall cause or procure any suche attachment or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde fyrst day of Januarie, shall by any way or meane, maliciously, for veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to answeare in any the courtes or places aforesayde, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no suche person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of such person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name suche arrest or attachement is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery such person or persons, that so shall cause or procure any suche arrest or attachement of any other person or persons, to be had or made for veration or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shall thereof be conuicted, or lawfully accused by indictment, presentment, or by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesses, or more, or other due proofe, shall for euery such offence by hym or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprisonment of his or theyr body or bodyes, by the space of sixe monethes, without bayle or mayneprise: And before he or they shalbe delyuered out of prison, shall pay vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or theyr meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachement so had, and shall also forfeyte and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shall so procure suche arrest or attachement to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any such person knowen, the summe of tenne poundes for euery such offence.

And

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons, to whom any costes, charges, damages, forfeyture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by aucthoritie of this Acte shalbe awarded, iudged, or forfeyted: shall and may at all times hereafter, haue his or their remedie for the recouery thereof, by action of debt, bill, or playnt, in any court of Recorde, against such person or persons, their heyres, executours, or administratours, as shalbe or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of this Acte, in which action, bill, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed to any the defendaunt or defendauntes in the same.

An Acte agaynst carying

ouer the Sea, Rammes, Lambes, and other sheepe alyue.

The. iij. Chapter.



FOR sundry good causes and consyderations mooued in this high court of Parliament, be it enacted by the aucthority of the same, that no manner of person or persons of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, shall after the last day of Februarie next ensuing, bring, delyuer, sende, receiue, or take, or procure to be brought, deliuered, sent, or receiued into any shyppe or Bothome, any Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any manner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to be caryed and conueyghed out of this Realme of Englande, Wales, or Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes hyghnesse dominions, vpon the payne that euery suche person and persons, their ayders, abettors, procurours, and comforters, shall for his or their fyrst offence forfeyte, for done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute, and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admytted or allowed. And further, that euery such offendour or offendours, shall suffer imprysonment by the space of one whole yeere, without bayle or mayneprise: and at the

yeeres

yeeres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his left hand cut of, and that to be nayled vp in the openest place of such market. And that euery person or persons eftsones offending agaynst this Statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte shall not extende to any corruption of blood, or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any woman, claymyng dowrie by or from any such offender or offenders, any thyng in this Acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of Gaile delyuerie, and Justices of peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this Acte, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated and done, contrary to the fourme and effecte of the same, accordyng to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

An Acte to take away the *benefyte of Cleargie from certayne* fellonious offendours.

The. iiij. Chapter.

WHere a certayne kynde of euyll disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or Pyckpurses, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very fellons and theeues, doo confeder togeathers, makyng among them selues, as it were a brotherhood or fraternitie of an Arte or mysterie, to lyue idelly by theyr secrete spoyle of the good and true Subiectes of this Realme: And also well at Sermons and preachyng of the woorde of GOD, and in places and tyme of doyng seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: and not onely there, but also in the Princes pallace, house, yea and presence, and at the places and

Courtes of iustice, and at the times of ministration of the lawes
the same, and in Fayres, Markets, and other assembles of people,
, and at the tyme of doing of execution, of such as been attaynted
any murder, fellonie, or other criminall cause, ordeyned cheefly for
mour and example of euyl dooers, doo without respect or regard of
y time, place, or person, or any feare or dread of God, or any law or
nishment, vnder the cloke of honestie, by their outward apparell,
untenaunce, and behauiour, subtilly, priuily, craftily, and felloni-
sly take the goodes of diuers good & honest subiects from their per-
ns, by cutting & picking their purses, & other fellonious slaightes
d deuises, to the vtter vndoing and impouerishment of many.

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parlia-
ent, that no person or persons, which hereafter shall happen to be
ined or appealed for fellonious takyng of any money, goodes, or
attelles, from the person of any other, priuily without his know-
dge, in any place what so euer, and therevpon founde gyltie by ver-
t of twelue men, or shall confesse the same vppon his or their ar-
aignement, or wyll not aunsweare directly to the same according to
e lawes of this Realme, or shall stande wylfully, or of malice or ob-
inately muet, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the number of twen-
, or shalbe vpon suche inditement or appeale outlawed, shall from
enceforth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or theyr Cleargie,
t vtterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer death, in such maner
d fourme, as they should yf they were no Clarkes.

And where also as diuers persons done oft times commit and do
many and sundry detestable murders, haynous robberies, and fello-
ies, and other capitall offences, for the whiche Cleargie is not al-
wed by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, & after the same
offences so done, either flee out of the Countie, or other partes of this
alme, into the parties beyonde the seas, or keepe them selues secrete
other places, where they are not knowen for a great tyme, and af-
r happen to commit some other fellonie, for the whiche they may
ue theyr Cleargie, and beyng arraigned for the same, haue theyr
eargie to them allowed, and therevpon committed to the custodie
the Ordinarie, according to the law and custome of this Realme:
the diuer offence wherein Cleargie is not grauntable beyng not
en knowen, & so by that meanes can not after be impeached for the
e other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & custome of this
alme, to the great encouragyng of offenders, vsyng such practises
their knowledge and set purpose, for their discharge of the same.

For reformation whereof, be it further enacted by the auctoritie
resaid, that euery person and persons, which shall hereafter vpon
ir and their arraignement for any fellonie, be admitted to the be-
fite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and deliuered to

the Ordinarie for the same, and shal make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, wherupon he was so admitted to his Clergie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie, haue committed any other suche offence, wherevpon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this realme is not allowable, and not being therof before indited, and acquited, conuicted, or attaynted, or pardoned, shall and may be indited or appealed for the same, and therevppon put to answeare, and ordered and vsed in all thynges accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and like maner and fourme, as though no such admission of Cleargie had been: any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An acte for thabridgement of Appeales in suites of Ciuill and Marine causes.

The. v. Chapter.

FOR the auoydyng as well of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges and expences in prosecuting of Ciuill and Marine causes, by reason of diuers Appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes Ciuill in such causes, and to the intent that as well strangers, as also others the subiectes of this Realme that shall haue cause of suite in these matters, may haue such expedition in the same as their natures and qualities doo require: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Ladie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from the last day of this present session of Parliament, all and euery such iudgement or sentence diffinitiue, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any Ciuill and Marine cause, vppon appeale lawfully to be made therein to the Queenes Maiestie in her vpphymeste Courte of Chauncerie, by suche Commissioners or Delegates as shalbe nominated and appoynted by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the haise Seale, as it hath been heretofore vsed in suche cases, shalbe finall, and no further Appeale to be had or made from the sayde iudgement or sentence diffinitiue, or from the sayde Commissioners or Delegates, for, or in the same: any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

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An Acte touching Cloth-workers and Clothes, to be shypped ouer the Sea.

The. vi. Chapter.



FOR the better employment and relieſe of great multitudes of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes, vſing the art and labour of Clothworkyng, it may pleaſe ỹ Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, at the moſt humble ſuite of her ſayde ſubiectes, that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that from henceforth for euery nyne Clothes vnwrought, hereafter to be ſhypped or carryed into any the partes beyonde the Seas, contrarie to the forme of any Statute heretofore made, and nowe remaynyng in length, by force of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that ſhall ſhyppe or carry ouer the ſame, ſhall ſhyppe and carry ouer with nine like woollen cloth, of like ſort, length, breadth, and goodnes, nine wrought and dreſſed, that is to ſay, rowed, barbed, firſt courſed, and dayne from the one ende to the other, ſo that euery tenth cloth paſſyng ouer the ſeas in fourme aforeſayde, may and ſhalbe dreſſed within this Realme, before the ſame ſhalbe ſhypped or tranſported out, vpon payne to forfeyte for euery ſuche nyne clothes ſo to be ſhipped or tranſported, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, tenne pounds.

Prouided alway, that euery ſuche tenth cloth, ſo to be tranſported redy wrought, ſhall not be accompted any of the clothes permitted to be tranſported by any ſuche licence, but that ſuche perſon as ſhall haue ſuche licence, may tranſporte, according to the ſame licence, the full number of clothes vnwrought, mentioned in the ſame licence, ouer and aboue the number of ſuche tenth clothes, which they ſhalbe compelled to ſhyppe and carry ouer by force of this preſente.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that from the firſt day of Februarie now nert commyng, no perſon ſhall ſhyppe or carry into the partes beyonde the ſeas, contrary to the fourme of any Statute heretofore made, now remaynyng in force, any cloth,

commonly called Kentishe cloth, or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made in the Counties of Kent or Suffolke, vnwrought and vndressed within this Realme, that is to say, not rowed, barbed, firste coursed, and shorne, vpon payne to forfeyte for euery such cloth, commonly called Kentishe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made in eyther of the sayde Counties, so to be shypped or transported, contrary to the fourme of this statute, fourtie shyllynges.

And that no licence for transportyng of any cloth or clothes, shalbe construed or expounded to extende to any such Kentishe or Suffolke cloth, made or to be made in eyther of the sayd Counties, to be from hencefoorth transported. And that all the forfeytures appoynted by this statute, for transportyng of clothes, shalbe the one halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, the other moytie to the Maister and Wardens of the sayde company of Clothworkers, to the releefe of the poore of the sayd company, to be recouered in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, byl, playnt, or information, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte touching Drapers,

Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewesbury.

The. vij. Chapter.



Oraſmuche as in the Towne of Shrewesbury in the Countie of Salop, there hath ben tyme out of mind of man, and yet is a company, fraternitie, or guilde, of the arte and mystery of Drapers, whiche sayde companye, fraternitie, or guylde, hath been by a great tyme lawfully encorporated, and made a body politike: whiche sayde corporation and fraternitie, hath by reason of their tayne trade and occupation of buyeng and sellyng of woollen cloth and lynyng, commonly called Cottens, Frizes, and Playnes, which they haue had and vsed amongst them, ben able not onely to lyue honestly, but also haue at their common costes prouided houses and other nece-

ccaries for poore people within the said Towne of Shrewsbury, them also with further relefe they doo weekely helpe and mayn- ne. And by the same theyr trade aforesayde, haue vsed moste com- ly to set on worke, aboue fyue hundred persons, of the arte or me of Shearmen or Fryzers, within the sayd towne of Shrewsb- y, whereby al well they, as theyr poore wyues and families, are daily maynteyned and kept. To the impeachement and hynde- nce of whiche sayde trade, dyuers Artificers and other persons in the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, not beyng of the sayde mpany or mystery, nor brought vp in the vse of the sayde trade, e of late with great disorder, vppon a meere couetous desyre and de, intromitted with and occupyed the sayde trade of buying of e cloth or linyng, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or skyll e same. By reason whereof, the sayde ignorant and vnskylfull rsons, haue and do buy commonly and dayly suche Welshe cloth d linyng, as is defectiue, and not truely made, accordyng to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouided. By meanes whereof, the sayde trade is greatly decayed and discre- dited, to the great losse and hynderaunce of suche poore Shearemen and fryers, as were woont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were woont to be maynteyned and relieued of the sayde rade, as well in making as worckyng of the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the great deceyt, damage, and hynderaunce of the Queenes Maiesties Subiectes that buy and prouide the same, and to the slaunder and discredite of the sayde commodities in forayne partes, where, by the occasion aforesayde, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parlia- ment holden at Westminster, in the fourth and fyfth yeeres of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lorde and Lady Kyng Philip and Queene Marie, vppon good and delyberate aduice, amongst other things, it was enacted, that no person or persons whiche shoulde vse to sell agayne by way of retayle, or otherwyse, any of the sayde Welshe linynges, shoulde dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed and wrought, within his or theyr dwellyng house or houses, or in any other place, by hym selfe or his seruaunt, any of the sayde Welshe linynges: but shoulde put the same to some suche person or persons, as shoulde be of the arte or science of Shearemen, Cottoners, or Fry- zers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vppon payne of forfeyture of euery Welshe cloth or linyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrary, fyue shyllynges and eyght pence, as in the same Acte doth appeare. Sithence which tyme, diuers persons for the defraudyng of the sayd Acte, haue caused others to buye the sayde Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the woorkemanshyp thereof vnto them selues of such buyers: vsing the lyke fraude by buying, and turnyng

woolle ouer vnto the same persons of whom they receiue woolle, to the manyfest defraudyng of the good intent and meanyng of the sayd Statute.

For remedy wherof, and for the benefite & releefe of the poore men that be Shearmen and Frizers, be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuing, no maner person or persons whatsoeuer, inhabiting & dwellyng within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then such as haue, or shal haue serued as apprentises in the said occupation and science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the sayd science or mysterie, shall occupie, vse, exercise, or frequent the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science of buying of the sayd Welshe cloth or lynyng, Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, nor haue any factour or doer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engine, or fraud, be any occupier of the sayd Fryses, Cottons, and Playnes, vpon paine that euery person and persons, inhabitting as is aforesayde, and occuppying, vsing, or exercisyng the sayde trade, occupation, or science of buying of Welshe cloth and lynyng, and not aucthorised by this present Acte, shal lose and forfeyte for euery peece of the same clothes so bought, sixe shyllynges eyght pence.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling and inhabityng as is aforesayd, and vsyng or occuppying the sayd trade of buying of Fryzes, Cottons, or Playnes, shal vse or exercise the faculties of fryzing or cottonyng, vpon payne to incurre such lyke forfeytures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all whiche paines and forfeytures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons as wyll sue for the same, in any courte of Recorde, by action, byll, or playnt of debte, wherein no protection, essoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this present Acte, or any thyng, sentence, or matter therein conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any suche person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the sayd trade, arte, mystery, or science of buying and sellyng of Welshe cloth and lyninges aforesayde: but that euery such person and persons, whiche hath or haue vsed the sayde trade or science, as is aforesayd, shal & may haue and enioy the like benefite, commoditie, and aduauntage, as well in buying and sellyng the sayd Welshe clothes & lininges, as otherwyse, in as large, free and ample maner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to the intent the sayd poore Shearmen, Fryzers and Cottoners, may be the better relieued and mayntayned, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons occupying

occupying and vsyng, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occupie or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of buying and sellyng of Welshe cloth and lynynges aforesayde, and shall from the feast of Easter next ensuyng, delyuer any Welshe cloth or lynynges aforesayd, to be cottoned, fryzed, dressed, or wrought, to any Shearman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, shal deliuer, content, and pay to the sayde Shearman, Cottoner, or fryzer, redy and present money for all his sayde woorke, without any colour, fraude, or engine whatsoeuer, and shall not delyuer any ware or other thyng whatsoeuer, in contentation or satisfaction of his sayde woorke, or any part thereof, vpon payne that euery person offending in this behalfe, shall foorthwith lose al such liberties, freedomes, and priuileges, which he hath or shal haue, as one of the sayd company, fraternitie, or guilde of the sayd arte and mysterie of Drapers, and also shall for euer after be vtterly disabled, and excluded to vse, occupy, or enioy by him selfe, or by any other for him, or to his vse, the said trade, art, mystery, or science of buying or selling of Welsh clothes or lynynges, this Acte or any other matter or thyng whatsoeuer to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the repeale of a

braunch of a Statute made 32. H. 8 for the stature of Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other places confining thereunto.

The. viij. Chapter.

WHere at the Parliament holden at Westminster, the. xxxii. yeere of the raigne of the most victorious Prynce of famous memory Kyng Henrie the eyght, most deare father vnto the Queenes excellent hyghnesse, our Soueraigne Ladie that nowe is, amongest other thynges it was ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by the sayde late Kyng, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons of the same Parliament assembled, for the increase and breede of greater and stonger Horses from thence after to be had, within this Realme of Englande; that no Commoner or Commoners within

within any Forest, Chase, Moze, Marshe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the sayde Forestes or Chases, nor any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yeere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. then next folowing the Session of the same, shoulde haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any suche grounde, Forest, Chase, Moze, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the age of two yeeres, and not beyng of the altitude and height of fyfteene handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the foote, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne foure ynches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished in or vppon any of the sayd Forestes, Chases, Commons, Mozes, Marishes, Heathes, or waste grounds, within any of the Shires and Territories of Norffolke, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntyngton, Esser, Kent, Southampton, Northwylshyre, Oxforde, Barke, Worcester, Glouceste, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedforde, Warwicke, Northampton, Yorkshyre, Chesshyre, Staffordde, the Countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne & Liberties of Glouceste, the Countie of the Towne of Kingston vppon Hull, the Countie Palentine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leycester, Herefordde, and Lincolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the sayd age of two yeeres, and not beyng in height of. xiiii. handfull, to be measured as is abouesayde, within or vpon any lyke grounde or groundes, as been aboue witten, lying or beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neither yet any of them, vpon payne of forfeyture & losse of the sayde Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vpon any suche grounde, Forest, Chase, Moze, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, at any tyme after the sayde last day of Marche, whiche was in the yeere of our Lorde GOD. M. D. xliii. contrary to the fourme of the sayde late estatute, and further, as by the sayde estatute moze fully and at large may appeare. By reason whereof, and synce whiche tyme, diuers and sundry great and manifolde hurtes, hynderaunces, and losses hath happened and chaunced as well to the inhabitauntes of the Mozes, Marishes, and Fenne groundes, within the Isle of Ely, situate, lying, and beyng in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitauntes of other the Mozes, Marishes, and Fenne groundes within the sayd Shire, togeather with the Counties of Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke, and Suffolke, next adioynyng and bozderyng vpon the same Isle, for that the sayde Mozes, Marishes, and fenne groundes, because of theyr rottonnesse, vnfirmnesse, moystnre, and waterishnesse, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breede, beare, or bryng

wouth suche great breede of stoned Horses, of such bygnesse and hygh stature, as within the aforesayd statute are expressed, without daunger and peryll of the myering, drowning, and perysshyng of the same. Wherevpon many Promoters, taking occasion by reason of thaforesayde estatute, haue alwell entred into the sayde Isle, as also other the Moores, Marishes, & Fenne groundes, in all the Countrey next bordering and ioynyng to the same, and taken away, by vertue and pursuey of the sayd estatute, from diuers poore men, not beyng able otherwyse to remedie the same, theyr Horse, not being comparable of like stature to the sayd estatute, alwell to the great losse and hyndraunce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daryng to put any such wouth on the sayd groundes, for feare of such persons: as also to the vtter subuersion and decay of all the tyllage and caryage within the sayde Isle, and other the Countreyes round about the same, in tyme to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctho-rite of the same: That as much of thaforesayd estatute, made in the sayd xiii. yeere of King Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunch, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng any the Marishes and seggie Fenne groundes within the sayd Isle, situate, lying and being in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, togethers with all other the Marishes and seggie Fenne groundes, within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke, and Suffolke, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effect in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former Acte expressed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Nevertheless, be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctho-ritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of March next commyng, shall leade or put to pasture into or vppon any Marishe or seggie Fenne grounde within the sayd Isle of Ely, or into or vpon any Marishe or seggie Fenne grounes within the sayde Counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke & Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned horse or horses, being aboue the age of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and height of xiii. handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hoofe of the forefoote, vnto the highest part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne. iiii. yneches of assyse, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon any the said Marishes, or seggie Fenne groundes, within the sayd Isle, and within the sayd counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke & Suffolke, or any of them, vppon such and the like payne, as by the sayd former Act is limitted and expressed.

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An act to repeale a braunch

*of a Statute made An.*23. *H.*8. *touching* the prises of Barrels and Kilderkins.

The. ix. Chapter.



N theyr most humble wyse, shewen vnto the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, and vnto the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and vnto the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, the Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of al other Cities and Townes within this Realme of England, that where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the xv. day of January, in the. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the late Kyng of famous memorie Kyng Henrie the eyght, father to our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnesse that now is, there was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte that no Brewers of Beere, or Ale, shall make theyr Barrels, Kilderkins, or Fyrkins within them, and how much the same Barrels, Cilderkins, and Fyrkins shall conteyne. In which Statute amongst other thinges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no Artificer of the Cowpers shal enhaunce the prises of any such Barrels, Kilderkins, Fyrkins, or other vessels in ꝑ sale of them, to any Ale brewer, or Beere brewer, or other person, as in the sayde Acte are mentioned, but shoulde keepe the rates of suche prises, as in the same Acte are expressed, and not aboue, vpon paine to forfeyte for euery Barrell, Kilderkin, & Fyrkin, defectiue, or enhaunced in price, in any poynt contrary to the sayd Acte. iii.s. iiii.d. (that is to say) for euery Beere Barrell. ix.d. for euery Beere Kilderkin. v.d. and for euery Beere Fyrkin. iii. d. And the Ale barrel. xvi. d. the Ale Kilderkin ix.d. and the Ale Fyrkin. v.d. as by the same Acte, amongst diuers other thynges therein conteyned, more fully and at large doth and may appeare. Since whiche tyme, the Clouebooode and stuffe wherof the sayde vessselles and the hoopes thereof shoulde be made, are risen and growen to suche excessiue prises, that suche as do make the sayde vessselles, can not make and sell any suche Barrels Kilderkins, Fyrkins, or other vessels, at the prices expressed in the sayde statute, but to theyr great losse and hinderaunce, whereby the mysterie, trade, and faculties of the sayde Cowpers, is vtterly ouerthrowen, to the

the impouerishment and vtter vndooyng of them, theyr wyues, chil-
dren and families, as is moſt euident.

For as much as at the tyme of the making of the ſayd eſtatute, the
Coopers myght haue bought a thouſande of Barrell boordes for
.vi.s.viii.d. and a thouſande of Kilderkin boordes for.ix.s. or
x. and a leade of Hoopes for.ix.s. or. x.s. And now a thouſande of
Barrell boorde can not be bought vnder, xxxiii.s.iiii.d. and.xl.s. and
a thouſande of Kilderkin boorde vnder.xxvi.s. viii.d. and a loade of
Hoopes vnder.xxviii.s.iiii.and.xl.s. as is right well and notoriouſly
knowen.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie,
the Lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent
Parliament aſſembled, & by thauctoritie of the ſame, that as much
of euery article, clauſe and ſentence, comprized in the ſayde eſtatute
made in the ſayd.xxiii.yere of the raigne of the ſayd late king, as doth
any wyſe concerne the prices of Barrels, Kilderkins, Fyrkins, and
other veſſelles, and all and euery payne and forfeyture expreſſed and
declared in the ſayde Acte, for ſelling of any of the ſayde kynde of veſ-
ſelles aboue the prices before ſpecified, from the time of newe prices
to be ſet in fourme hereafter expreſſed, for ſuche places onely as the
ſame newe prices ſhalbe ſet, ſhalbe cleerely repealed, fruſtrate, and
vtterly voyde. And that from henceforth the prices of all Barrelles,
Kilderkins, Fyrkins, and other veſſelles to be ſolde, for Ale, Beere, or
Sider, to be vttered therein, ſhalbe rated and tared by Maiors,
Sheriffes, & other head officer or officers of euery Citie and Towne
corporate, where any ſuche veſſels ſhalbe made or offered to be ſolde:
And where ſuche veſſelles ſhalbe made or ſolde out of any Citie, Bo-
rough, Towne corporate, the prices thereof ſhalbe rated and tared
by the Iuſtices of the Peace, or the more part of them, beyng pre-
ſent in the generall or quarter Seſſions, yeerely next after Eaſter,
at ſuche reaſonable prices as they ſhall thynke reaſonable by theyr
diſcretions: The ſayde eſtatute made in the. xxiii. yeere of the
raigne of the ſayde late Kyng Henrie the eyght, or any other lawe,
ſtatute, or vſage, to the contrary thereof in any wyſe, notwithſtan-
dyng.

Be it further enacted, that yf the ſayde Cowpers, or any of
them, ſhall not make ſale accordyng to ſuche prices as ſhalbe rated,
as is aforeſayde, after proclamation thereof made, that then euery
perſon and perſons ſo offendyng, ſhall for the ſame incurre the
paynes and forfeytures mentioned in the ſayd ſtatute made the ſayd
xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the ſayde late Kyng: That is to wit, For
euery Barrell, Kilderkin, and Fyrkin, whiche ſhalbe ſolde at greater
prices then ſhalbe rated and tared as is aforeſayde, the ſumme of
.x.iiii.d. of lawfull money of Englande, whereof the one moytie

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to be to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to suche person or persons as wyll sue for the same, by action of debt, in any Courte of recorde, wherein no protection, essoigne, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed or admitted.

An acte for Bowyers,

and the prices of Bowes.

The. x. Chapter.

MOSTE *humbly complaynyng*, sheweth vnto your highnesse, and to your hygh Court of Parliament, your obedient Subiectes, the Bowyers, dwellyng and inhabityng within the Citie of London, and the suburbes of the same: That where in the parliament of the late king of moste famous memorie, kyng Henrie the eyght, begunne and holden at Westminster, the. xvi. day of Januarie, in the xxxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late king, and there continued vntyll the fyrst day of Apryll then next following, there was one Acte & Statute then made and prouided, entituled, An Acte for the mayntenaunce of Artyllerie, and debarryng of vnlawfull games. In whiche Acte and Statute, amongest other thynges, there is one braunche conteyned and specified: the tenour whereof is, as hereafter foloweth. That is to say: And to the intent, that euery person may haue Bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayde, that euery Bowyer, dwellyng out of the Citie of London, shall after the feast of the Purification of our Lady then next commyng, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make thr*e*e other Bowes meete to shoote in, of Elme, Witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood apte for the same, vnder the payne to loose and forfeyte for euery suche Bowe so lackyng. iii. s. iiii. d. And euery Bowyer dwellyng within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shall after the sayde feast of the Purification of our Lady then next commyng, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for shootyng, of Ashe, Elme, Witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forfeyture, as by the sayde Statute mo*r*e playnely it doeth and may appeare. And although the sayde braunche

…ercize of the sayde statute, be needefull and expedient to remayne
…continue for suche Bowyers as doo dwell and inhabite in the
…untrey, and other places out of the Citie of London and the sub-
…es of the same: Yet for as muche as there be very fewe or no
…ures of Elme, Witchhasell, or Ashe, or of any other woodde then
…se of Ewe, sled or occupied by any person within the sayde Citie
…Suburbes of the same, therefore the sayde braunche of the sayd
…te and Statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is needefull to be
…and made for the Bowyers dwellyng within the sayde Citie
…Suburbes. And yet neuertheless, your sayde Subiectes, for the
…ding of the danger and penaltie conteyned in the sayd braunch,
…t dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme,
…witchhasell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient tyme vtter
…sell the same, but are constrayned to keepe such Bowes by them
…made, vntyll they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse
…purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the sayd wood of Elme,
…witchhasell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in makyng of
…e sayde Bowes, and your sayde Subiectes, by suche losses as they
…dayly sustayne in makyng suche Bowes, greatly impouerished, and
…e Common wealth thereby nothing aduaunced, but rather hinde-
…red. And where also in the seuerall statutes of the noble Kyng of fa-
…mous memorie, Kyng Edwarde the fourth, made in the. xxii. yeere
…his raigne, and in the thyrde yeere of the raigne of Kyng Henrie
…e seuenth, Graundfather to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the
…Queenes Maiestie, and in the sayde. xxxiii. yeere of the raigne of our
…late Soueraigne Lorde Kyng Henrie the eyght, father to our
…Soueraigne Ladie, there is mention made of the prices of
…Bowes, whiche at those seuerall tymes was appoynted to be but
…vi.s. viii.d. and not aboue to sell the best. At whiche sayde tymes,
…suche Bowes myght well haue been solde to any person or persons
…ordyng to the rates and prices expressed in the sayd seuerall actes,
…tyll nowe within this twentie yeeres, the prices of Bowe staues
…haue diuersly been raysed and enhaunced from fyue poundes a hun-
…dred to twelue poundes, or thereaboutes: for whiche causes, the pri-
…ces conteyned in the sayde seuerall statutes can not be obserued, and
…yet your Maiesties sayde Subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in
…danger of the sayd seueral statutes concerning the prices of Bowes:
…wherein they humbly beseeche your Maiestie, with the assent of your
…sayd Court of Parliament, may be released vnto them, and the pe-
…nalties appoynted for the same.

Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the Queenes
…Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spiri-
…tuall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament
…assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd estatutes

of kyng Edwarde the fourth, and kyng Henrie the seuenth, co
cernyng the pryces of Bowes, and all the braunches conteyned
the sayd Statute of King Henry the eyght, so farre forth as the sam
extendeth to the pryces of Bowes therein expressed onely, from th
fyrst day of this present Parliament, and so for euer, be thereby cle
ly repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intentes, construc
ons, and purposes: and also al and euery clause & sentence of the sa
Statute of King Henry the eight, before recited, tendyng to the m
kyng of Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood, besid
Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therein conteyned for any th
sayd last rehearsed premisses, from henceforth for euer shall not b
intended, construed, or taken to extende to any Bowyer nowe dwe
lyng or inhabiting, or whiche hereafter shall happen to dwell or in
habite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Sub
urbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the
Countie of Surrey: The sayde Statutes, or any thyng in them, or
any of them conteyned in any wyse to the contrary, notwithstan
dyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that all
and euery the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Sub
urbes of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwarke,
shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes hereaf
ter, prouide and haue in his or their custodie the number of fyftie
good and able Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, or Ashe at the least, well
and substancially made and wrought, vpon payne that euery of the
sayd Bowyers which by the space of twentie dayes shall not haue in
his custodie such number of the sayde Bowes of Witchhasell, Elme
or Ashe ready made and meete to be solde and vsed as aforesayd, shall
hereafter for euery Bowe lacking of the number aforesayde, forfeyte
ten shyllynges, the one moytie of which forfeyture, shalbe to our sayd
soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moytie ther
of shalbe to him or them vsing the arte of an Armourour, fletcher, or
maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same by action of debt,
byll, playnt, or otherwyse, in any court of Recorde, in whiche action
and suite, no protection, or wager of lawe, shall in any wyse be ad
mitted or alowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesayd,
that yf any Bowyer after the fyrst day of May next commyng,
doo sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng outlandyshe
Ewe, and of the beste sorte, ouer and aboue the pryce of. vi.s. viii.d.
or doo sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng of the second
sorte, ouer and aboue the pryce of. iii.s. iiii.d. or shall sell any Bowes
meete for men, as is aforesayde, beyng of the course sorte, called
lyuerie Bowes, for, and aboue the pryce of. ii.s. a peece, or that
shall

al after the sayde fyrst day of May, sel any Bowes beyng Englishe
e, ouer and aboue the price of.ii. s. the peece, that then the seller
sellers of suche Bowes, shal forfeyte for euery Bowe so solde ouer
aboue the price aforesaid.xl.s.the one moitie therof to the Quee-
Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to the
vsing the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bow-
ges, that wyl sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, by acti-
debte, byll, playnt, or otherwyse, wherein no wager of lawe, es-
, or protection, shalbe admitted or alowed: any thyng in this
, or in any other acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, not-
standyng. This acte to continue vntyl the last day of the fyrst
on of the next Parliament.

An acte for the true

making of Hattes and Cappes.

The.xi. Chapter.



HERE great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsyng the arte of makyng woollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessyue vse of Hattes and Feltes, and thereby diuers good cities & townes brought to desolation, great plenty of strange commodities without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depend vpon the hauing of forraigne Woolles, to the discom-
of this Realme, the diffurniture of seruice to be doone to
Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident dangers, yf remedie be
vyded: It may therefore plese the Queenes most excellent
, at the lamentable suite and complaynt of her sayde poore
, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Par-
, that no person, by hym or her selfe, or by any other, shal af-
the feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist next comming,
or worke any Felte or Hat, of, or with any forraigne Wool or
, vnlesse suche person shal fyrste haue been Apprentice or coue-
seruaunt to suche mystery of Felt or Hat makyng by the space
seuen yeeres at the least, vpon payne to forfeyte all suche Hattes or

ffeltes as he shal make, or cause to be made whyle he woorketh, contrary to the fourme of this act, and fyue poundes in money for euery moneth that he shal so continue.

And be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayd, that from the fyrst day of Apryll next comming, no person what so euer, shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe, or other thyng of ffelte, but onely Hattes, nor shal make, sell, or cause to be made or solde any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knytte. And that no person after the sayde fyrst day of Apryll, shal die, or cause to be died blacke any Cappe with barke or swarke, but onely with coppo*r*asse and gall, or with woad and madder.

And (for the setting of many poore and impotent persons to woorke, and for better makyng of Cappes) that no person after the sayde fyrst day of Apryll, shall thycke or full in any Myll, or cause to be thycked or fulled in any Myll, any Cappe, vntyll suche tyme as the same Cappe be fyrste wel scow*r*ed and closed vppon the Bancke, and halfe thycked at the least in the Foote stocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knyght, or of a Lo*r*des sonne, shall after the sayde fyrst day of Apryll, weare any Hatte or vpper Cappe of Veluet, or couered with Veluet, on payne to forfeyte for euery Hatte, Cappe, or other thyng to be made, died, thycked, fulled, solde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this acte, tenne shyllynges, whereof the one moytie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, the other moytie to suche person then vsyng the feate of Cappe makyng, as wyl sue for the same in any Court of Reco*r*de, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or alowed.

And for the better and truer makyng of Cappes & Hattes within this Realme, be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayde, that it shalbe lawful to the Maister & Wardens of the company of Haberdashers within the citie of London, and to their successours, for the tyme beyng, callyng to them one of the company of the Cappers, and an other of the makers of Hattes, as often as nede shal requyre, within the sayde Citie, or within three myles of the same, to searche al and al maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to co*r*rect and punyshe by fines, and other wyse, as in lyke cases they doo other offendours & defaultes within the sayde companie. And that it shalbe leful for al Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers in al other Cities and Townes co*r*po*r*ate to do the lyke.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayd, that euery Hatmaker, that nowe is a maker or woorker of Hattes, and beyng a housholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruaunt, or iourneyman, shall, or may, duryng suche persons naturall lyfe, continue

makyng

tyng of Hattes and Felles, albeit suche person were not bounden Appentice to the same arte for the space of seuen yeeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or wooorker of Hattes, shall take or receyue any Appzentices, contrary to the true meanyng of this acte, that is to say, aboue two Appzentices at one tyme, nor those for any lesse yme then seuen yeeres at the least, on payne to suffer for euery Appzentice to be taken or receyued agaynst the fourme of this acte, one monethes imprisonment in the common Gaole, without bayle or mayneprise. And that euery takyng or receyuyng of appzentice contrary to this acte, shalbe voyde: And also suche person so takyng or receyuyng, shalbe from thencefoorth disabled to haue any moe Appzentices then one at one tyme.

Prouided alway, that nothyng in this acte shal extende to charge any person alowed to be a Felt maker or Hatmaker, with any payne or forfeyture for settyng or vsyng his or their owne chyldren to the makyng or working of Felles or Hattes in his or their owne houses.

Prouided that this acte shal not extende to any making of Hattes with mosted yarne, in the citie of Norwich.

An acte for Thalnegers

fees in Lancashyre, and for length, breadth, and weyght of Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

The. xii. Chapter.



FOR as muche as dyuers Clothiers inhabiting within the countie Palentine of Lancaster, seekyng inordinately their owne synguler gaynes, haue of late practised priuily to conuey and carrie away out of the sayde Countie diuers Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges there made, to be solde before suche tyme as the Queenes Alneger of the said Countie hath fyred vnto euery such cloth the Queenes Seale in that behalfe appointed: and sometyme counterfeytyng and settyng to suche their clothes Seales of their owne, myndyng thereby not onely to defraud the sayde Alneger of his accustomable fees, due to be payde to the Queenes hyghnesse vse for the sealyng of euery suche cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, but also to couer and hyde the vn-

true and deceytefull making of many of the sayde clothes, contrary to the true meanyng of sundry good and wholesome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, as wel for the true makyng of the clothes beforesayd, as also for the searchyng, trying, and sealyng of the same, to the no litle preiudice and damage of the sayde Almeger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annal farme to the Queenes Maiestie for the sayde Almage, in deceyte of her hyghnesse subiectes, and discredite of the commeditie of the sayde clothes.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by our sayde Souereigne Ladie the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from, and after the fyrst day of Apryl next commyng, shal sell, or put to sale within the sayd Countie, or conuey, or carrie, or cause to be conueied and carried out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kynde of clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the said Countie Palentine of Lancaster, to be solde before such tyme that the owner or maker of euery suche cloth, Cotton, Frize, or Rugge, shal fire and put to, or cause to be fired and put to euery suche cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one Seale of Leade, hauing the marke of euery suche owner or Clothier ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true length of euery suche cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde Seale. And also the Queenes hyghnesse Almeger of the sayde Countie Palentine, for the tyme being, vpon tryal of the weyght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shal fire and put, or cause to be fired and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes hyghnesse Seale of Leade, hauing the Portcullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true weyght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde Seale, vpon payne of forfeyture of al and euery suche clothes, Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, conueyed, carried, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde beyng vnsealed, contrary to the meanyng of this present acte: the one moytie therof to be to the vse of the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie thereof, to suche person or persons that shall seale the same cloth, Cotton, Frize, or Rugge, or wyl sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes hyghnesse Courtes of Recorde, by byll, plaint, information, or otherwyse, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe alowed for the defendaunt.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Almeger after the sayde fyrste day of Apryll, shall appoynt and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blackeborne,

borne and Berie in the sayd Countie, where the sayd Almeger hath been accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redie vpon lawfull request vnto hym made, without delay, to wey euery of the sayd Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, as shalbe wrought vnto euery suche deputie, and sealed with the Seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme beforesayde, and to fyre and set euery of the sayde clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnesse Seale beforesayd, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vppon payne of forfeyture of twentie shillynges for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges sealed by the sayde Almeger, or any of his sayde deputies, before the same be weyed in fourme beforesayde, the one moytie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie thereof to hym or them that will sue for the same in any of the Queenes Paleties Courtes of Recorde, by bylle, playnt, information action of debte, or otherwyse, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull for the sayde Almeger, or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayde clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, for the weying and sealyng of euery packe of the sayde clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, three pence. And for euery peece of suche course clothes, Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe, one halfe peny, and the same to be payde by the owner or brynger of the sayde clothes, at the weying and sealyng of the same: any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And for as much as such persons as commonly do vse to vtter and sell the said seuerall kindes of Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, haue been, & are daily molested, vexed, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Infourmers & Searchers, seeking continually their owne priuate gayne, by finding of the sayde Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, at no time made accordyng to such fourme of weight, lengthes, and breadthes, as by the former statutes of this realme, lately made for the true making of woollen cloth, is limitted and appointed. And for that the same persons doo alleage that the makers of the sayd Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the saide weyghtes, lengthes, & breadthes, in making of the said Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, according to the fourme of the said former estatutes, without the vtter vndoing of great numbers of poore people that are commonly the makers of such kynde of clothes, & that by meanes herof, the said Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, sithence the making of the said estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarse and dearer sithen they were before the makyng of the sayde estatutes,

and

and in nothyng at all amended in substaunce or fourme of makyng.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted, that from and after the fyrst day of Apryll next commyng, euery of the sayde Cottons beyng sufficiently myled or thycked, cleane scowred, wel wrought, and fully dryed, shall weygh .xxi. pounde at the least, and shall conteyne in length .xxi. goades, or .xx. goades at the least, and in breadth at the moste three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the leaste. And that euery of the sayde Fryzes or Rugges beyng thicked and fully dryed, shal weygh .xliii. pound at the least, and shal conteyne in length betwixt .xxxb. yardes, and .xxxii. yardes, and shal conteyne in breadth at the moste three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the leaste, and not to be strayned vpon the tayntours aboue one nayle in breadth. And also if any of the said Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, shalbe of any greater length then is before seuerally expressed, that then euery goade or yarde so exceedyng the sayde seueral lengthes, shal weygh after suche rate as euery goade or yarde of suche Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, conteynyng the sayde seueral lengthes, shall, or ought to weygh, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery goade or yarde not weyghing after suche rate .xii. d. And also yf any of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes and Rugges, shalbe of any lesse weyght then is before seuerally limitted and appoynted, that then al and euery suche person or persons, that shal so sel, or cause to be solde any such Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall forfeyte for euery pounde lackyng vnder three poundes .xii. d. and for euery pounde weyght lackyng aboue three poundes .b.s. thone halfe of which forfeytures, shalbe to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other halfe thereof, to such persons or person that shall sue for the same, by action of debte, byl, playnt, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or alowed for the defendaunt.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery braunche, clause, sentence, and article specified and conteyned in any other actes of parliament before this tyme made, concernyng the sealyng and makyng of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect: any thyng in the sayde actes conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte shal not in any wyse extende to be preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne, within the sayd Countie Palentine of Lancaster, concerning the makyng and puttyng to sale of any woollen cloth: any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

¶ An

An acte concernyng Sea markes, and Mariners.

The.xiii. Chapter.



WHERE as the Maister, wardens, and assystauntes of the Trinitie house of Deptforde strond, being a companie of the cheefest and most expert maisters & gouernours of Shyps, incorporate within themselues, charged with the conduction of the Queenes Maiesties Nauie royall, are bounde to forese e the good encrease & maintenaunce of Shyps, and of all kynde of men traded and brought vp by water crafte, moste meete for her Maiesties Marine seruice: And for as much as by the deforyng and taking away of certaine steeples, wooddes, and other markes standyng vppon the mayne shores, adioynyng to the Sea walles of this Realme of Englande and Wales, beyng as beakons and markes of auncient tyme accustomed for Seafaryng men, to saue and keepe them and the Shyppes in their charge from sundry dangers therto incident, diuers Shyppes with their goodes & marchandiles in sayling from forraigne partes towardes this Realme of Englande and Wales, and specially to the Port and ryuer of Thames, haue by the lacke of suche markes of late yeeres been miscarried, perysshed, and lost in the Sea, to the great detriment and hurt of the common weale, and the perishing of no smal number of people.

For remedie wherein to be had, be it enacted, establysshed, and ordeyned by the Queenes moste excellente Maiestie, by the consentes of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctho itie of the same, that the foresayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes of the Trinitie house at Deptforde stronde aforesayde, beyng a companie incorporated as before, shall, and may lawfully by vertue of this acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter at their wylles and pleasures, and at their costes, make, erecte, and set vp suche and so many beakons, markes, and signes for the Sea, in suche place or places of the Sea shores and vplandes neare the Sea coastes or forelandes of the Sea, onely for Sea markes, as to them shall seeme moste meete,

meete, needefull, and requisite, wherby the dangers may be auoyded and escaped, and shyppes the better come vnto their portes without peryll. And that all suche Beacons, markes, and signes so to be by them or their assignes erected, made, and set vp at the costes and charges of the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes, shall, and may be continued, renued, and mayntayned from tyme to tyme at the costes and charges of the sayd Maister, Wardens, & Assystauntes: any thyng to the contrary hereof, notwithstandyng.

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayde, that no steeples, trees, or other thynges nowe standyng as Beacons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doth growe or stande, before the fyrst day of March next comming) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter be taken downe, felled, or otherwise cut downe, vpon payne that euery person by whose procurement or consent such offence shalbe committed, shal forfeyte the summe of one hundred poundes, wherof the one moytie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moytie to be to the Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes of the sayde Trinitie house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offendyng, be not of the value of one hundred poundes, then the same person and persons to be deemed conuicte of outlarie, ipso facto, to al constructions and purposes.

And further*more* be it enacted by auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayde, that al Mariners, and Seafaryng men, dwellyng about the sayde ryuer of Thames, beyng therto licenced by the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes, and hauyng sufficient certificate of suche licence from the sayde Maister and Wardens, as wel betweene their voyages, as at other times at their wylles and pleasure by force hereof, the better to keepe and refrayne them selues from follie, idlenesse, and lewde companie, and for the releefe of them, their wyues and chyldren, shal, and may freely and quietly exercise and rowe in their owne Wherries, or any other mens Wherries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke vp and downe the sayde ryuer of Thames, to applye and folowe the ordinarie passyng and carrying of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called Wherrimen, of the same riuer vse and accustome to doo, without impeachement, hinderaunce, or let to the contrary. And that such Seafaryng men shal not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernment, then vnder the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes, as they were before: any acte, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome heretofore agaynst the premisses ordeyned or made in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

¶ An acte touchyng transportyng of tawed Leather.

The. xiiij. Chapter.

FOR as much as in one Acte made in the fyrst session of this present Parliament, entituled: An Acte against the carrying of Sheepeskynnes and Peltes ouer the Sea, not beyng Staple ware, there is conteyned one braunche agaynst the makyng of any Peltes by any person, other then suche as are permitted to make the same by the said Statute: The execution of which braunche hath been put in suspence, by reason that some other partes of the same Statute are supposed to be against the entercourse of the low Countreyes of the Kyng of Spayne:

Be it therefore declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde fyrst braunche of the sayd Statute, beyng not agaynst the sayde entercourse, shall from henceforth be put in due execution. And for as muche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties liege people haue been set on worke by conuerting of Sheepe skynnes and Lambe skynnes into tawed Leather and Parchement here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunch of the sayd statute is prohibited to be transported out of the Realme in Leather. And where the conuerting of such skynnes into Leather and Parchement, hath been great maintenaunce of many thousandes of the subiectes of this Realme, and greater dayly wyll be, to the great benefyte of this Realme, yf the sayde fyrst braunche concernyng makyng of Peltes be duely put in execution, where otherwyse yf the sayde Peltes shoulde be transported into other Realmes, the same shoulde be an occasion of the impouerysshing of many of the naturall Englyshe people of this Realme.

Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that so much of the sayd Statute as concerneth the transportyng of tawed Leather to be made of Sheepe skynnes, & Lambes skynnes, shall from henceforth as touchyng onely the transportyng of suche tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: any thyng in the sayd statute to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

¶ An

Anno octauo

¶ An acte for preſeruation of Grayne.

The. xv. Chapter.



HERE in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter vppon prorogation the fourth day of ffebruary, in the .xviii. yere of the raigne of the noble prince of famous memory, king Henry the eyght: amongeſt other actes, one ſtatute was made and prouided for the deſtruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Choughes: In whiche eſtatute, is conteyned one braunch concernyng the prouiſion, puttyng in vre, and maintenance of nettes and ſhapes: which braunch, being very good and beneficiall, long tyme ſithence was expired. Be it therefore ordeyned, and enacted, by the Queene our ſoueraigne Lady, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall & temporall, & of the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that onely the ſayde braunche of the ſame eſtatute, concernyng the prouiſion, vſe, and maintenaunce of nettes and ſhapes, for the deſtruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Choughes, and all and euery article, forfeyture, and penaltie conteyned in the ſayde braunche, for, and concernyng the prouiſion and puttyng in vre of the ſame nettes, and for the maintenaunce therof, according to the fourme therein limitted: ſhall from henceforth be reuiued, and put in due execution, & that all and euery other braunche and article conteyned in the ſame eſtatute, ſhalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed and made voyde to all intentes and purpoſes.

And further be it enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that in euery Paryſhe the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the Pariſhioners, to the number of fyre perſons, to be required by the Churchwardens, ſhall after the feaſt of Saint Michaell tharchangell next commyng, yeerely in one of the feaſtiuall dayes in the Eaſter weeke, and at euery other tyme when and as often as it is and ſhalbe needefull, taxe and aſſeſſe euery proprietour, farmour, and other perſon, hauyng the poſſeſſion of any lande or tythes within theyr ſeuerall Pariſhes, to pay ſuche ſumme of money, as they ſhall thynke meete, accordyng to the quantitie and portion

tion of such landes or tythes as the same persons so assessed, doo, or shall haue or holde. And yf the sayde summes of money, or any of them so taxed and assessed, be, or shalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after request thereof made by the sayde Churchwardens, or one of them, then euery person so denying or makyng suche defaulte of payment, shall forfeyte for euery tyme fyue shyllynges, and the same togeather with the sayde summe or summes assessed and taxed, as is aforesayde, shalbe leuied by distresse of the goodes and cattelles of suche person and persons so assessed, and refusyng to pay such summe, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them, which distresse shalbe ordered and vsed in such manner and fourme as distresses taken for amerciamentes in my leetes, and the same summes so taxed and assessed, and the sayde penalties, yf any be so by them leuyed, as is aforesayd, shalbe yeerely by the sayde Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, or one of them, of euery such Paryshe, delyuered by byll or bylles indented, to two honest and substanciall persons of euery suche Paryshe, whiche shalbe elected and appoynted by the sayde Churchwardens, for the tyme being, to haue the yeerely distribution thereof, and shalbe named the distributers of the prouision for the destruction of noyfull foules, and vermine. And the sayde distributers so appoynted, as is aforesayde, shall geue and pay of the same money so to them delyuered, to euery person that shall bryng to them anye heades of olde Crowes, Choughes, Pyes, or Rookes taken within the seuerall Paryshes, for the heades of euery three of them, a penie. And for the heades of euery fyue young Crowes, Choughes, Pyes, or Rookes taken, as is aforesayde, a penie. And for euery fyue eggees of any of them vntaken, a penie. And lykewyse for euery twelue Stares heades, a penie. All whiche sayde heades and egges, the sayde distributers in some conuenient place shall keepe, and shal euery moneth at least, bryng forth the same before the sayd Churchwardens and Taxers, or three of them, and then and there to them shall make a true accompt in wryting what money they haue layde forth, and payde for suche heades and egges, and for the heades of suche other rauenous byrdes and vermine, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned: That is to say: For euery head of Merten Hawkes, Fursekytte, Bodekytte, Bulsarde, Schagge, Carmeraunt, or Ryngtayle, two pence, and for euery two egges of them, one penie. For euery Iron or Ospreys head, foure pence. For the head of euery Woodwal, Pye, Jaye, Rauen, or Kyte, one penie. For the head of euery byrde whiche is called the Kynges Fysher, one penie. For the head of euery Bullfynche, or other byrde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one penie. For the heades of euery Foxe or Gray, twelue pence, and for the head

of euery Fytchewe, Polcat, Weſel, Stote, Fayze Bade, or wylde Cat, a penie. For the heades of euery Otter or Hedgehogges, two pence. For the heades of thzee Rattes, or twelue Miſe, a penie. For the heades of euery Want or Mold warpe, a halfe penie. For the heades of euery whiche byrdes and vermine laſt mentioned, the ſayde diſtributers ſhall lyke wyſe pay and geue to the byynger of them for euery head kylled and taken within their ſeuerall Paryſhe, as is before limitted, and ſhall keepe the ſame to be ſhewed foorth vppon theyr accompt, in maner and fourme as is aforeſayd. All whiche ſayd heades and egges, ſhalbe foorthwith after ſuche accompt made, in the preſence of the ſayde Churchwardens and Tarers, or of thzee of them, burned, conſumed, or cut in ſunder. And yf vppon any accompte to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuche diſtributers, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remaynyng in the handes of the ſayde diſtributers, or of any of them, then the ſame ſhalbe by byll indented, as is aforeſayde, delyuered ouer to ſuche perſons as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office for the yere next folowing, by them to be diſtributed, as is aforeſayd.

And for the better execution of this Acte, be it alſo enacted by the aucthozitie aforeſayd, that it may and ſhalbe lawful, to, and for euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter wyll trauayle for the takyng of Crowes, Rookes, Choughes, and other the vermine aboueſayde, to enter for the ſame purpoſe & intent into any place therefore meete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or occupier of the ſame, and there to vſe ſuche nettes, engines, and other reaſonable deuiſes, as are meete and conuenient for the takyng and deſtruction of ſuche vermine (Handgunnes and Craſbowes excepted) and ſhall take and haue all ſuche Crowes, Choughes, Rookes, and other vermine to his and theyr owne vſes. And if the ſayd Churchwardens, and fyre perſons of any Paryſhe or Paryſhes, ſo required by the Churchwardens, as is aforeſayde, or the perſons elected for diſtributers, or any of them, ſhall refuſe or make default in the execution of this Acte, or any part thereof, contrary to the fourme aforeſayd, then euery ſuch perſon ſhall forfeyte for euery ſuch default, fyue poundes, the one moytie thereof, to be to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſoures, and the other moytie thereof, to hym or them vſyng tyllage yeerely within the ſame Shyre, that ſhall ſue for the ſame in any court of record of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action of debte, or byll of information, wherein the defendaunt or defendauntes ſhall haue no protection, eſſoigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Prouided alwayes, & be it further enacted by auctho̅itie aforeſayd, that this Act, or any braunch therin conteyned, ſhal not in any wyſe extend

…nde to geue any libertie or auctho…itie to any perſon or perſons, …ſe or exercise any meane or engin, for the deſtruction of Crowes …Rookes, Choughes, or other the vermin aforeſayde, in any place or …es, to the diſturbaunce, let, or deſtruction of the buylding or bree…ng of any kind of Hawkes, Herons, Egrits, Paupers, Swannes, …Shouelers, or to the hurt and deſtruction of any Doues, Doue…es, Deere, or warren of Conies: Any thyng in this Acte to the …trary conteyned, notwithſtanding.

And be it further prouided, that this Acte, or any thyng therein …teined, ſhal not extend to geue or appoynt any ſumme or ſummes …money, to be geuen, payde, or diſtributed to any perſon or perſons, …the head or heades of any Buſarde, Ryngtayle, Yerne, Polcatte, …ete, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde employ…to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares …taken in Douehouſes, nor to the kyllyng and bryngyng the head of …y Kyte or Rauen killed in any Citie or Towne corporate, or with…n two myles of the ſame. This Acte to continue to the ende of the …ent parliament.

An act that in diuers Counties *there ſhalbe but one Sheriffe in* one Countie.

The. xvj. Chapter.

Where as in the Counties and Shires of Surrey & Suſſex, Eſſex, and Hertforde, Somerſet & Dorſet, Warwicke and Leiceſter, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, of long time haue had but one Sheriffe, to ſerue for two of the ſayde Counties, that is to ſay, one for Surrey and Suſſex, and one other for Eſſex & Hertforde, and one other for Somerſet and Dorſet, and one other of Warwicke and Leiceſter, …one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oxon …Barks. The occaſion whereof in the beginnyng (as it ſhoulde …me) was, for that euery of the ſayde ſeuerall Counties, were not …ſo well inhabited with Gentlemen of good abilitie, to ſerue in

the sayde office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And forasmuche as the seruice and charges of that office of Sheriffwyke of the sayde Counties, is more then in tymes past it hath been, and is nowe commonly greater then one Sheriffe is able to serue and supply: Therefore suche Gentlemen as doo dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are very desirous to haue for euery of the sayde Counties, one Sheriffe, to be yeerely made and appoynted for the same. And for that the hauyng of seuerall Sheriffes accordyngly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby may growe some ease of charges and trouble to suche as shall hereafter be appoynted to suche office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath been.

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and may from and after the fyrst day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, yerely choose and make for euery of the sayde Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Sheriffe of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben vsed to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shirie within this Realme: Any law, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or vsed to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And that euery person, whiche after the sayd fyrst day of Nouember shalbe made and appoynted Sheriffe, for any of the said Counties, shalbe accomptable & vsed in the order of his accompt, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to him to be made, in the court of Exchequer, and all other conrtes and places, in suche maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed for Sheriffes in lyke cases.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Barons of the Queenes highnesse, her heires and successours, of the courte of Exchequer for the tyme beyng, callyng vnto them alwell her or theyr graces officers of remembraunce, and the Treasourers remembraucer, togeather with the Clarke of the Pipe of the same court, as also the seuerall Sheriffes, the which next after the sayde fyrst day of Nouember, shalbe by her hyghnesse, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwicke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, shall haue by force of this Acte of Parliament, full power and auctoritie to leuer and diuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwicke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks,

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The which sayd seueraunce and diuision of the sayd p̄offers, shall be entred of recorde in the sayd court of Exchequer, and shalbe final and p̄petuall, duryng so long time as this p̄sent Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuaunce.

And it is further enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅resayd, that in such and the same manner and fourme as the sayd p̄offers shalbe diuided, euen so the tayle of reward of euery of the fo̅resaid, Counties, where any tayle of reward hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and diuided in maner and fourme afo̅resayde.

And be it lykewyse further enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅resayde, that the sayd Barons, for the tyme beyng, of the Queenes hyghnesse sayd court of Exchequer, and of her hey̅es and succes̄sours, callyng vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembr̄auncer, and the Clarke of the Pipe, shall haue full power and auctho̅itie from tyme to tyme, to take o̅der and appoyntment, for the true and spredy payment and contentation of such creation money, fees, and annuities, and all other summes of money, as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payde, o̅r of right ought to haue ben payde to any p̄son or p̄sons by the handes of the sayde seuerall Sheriffes. And that suche o̅der, direction, and appoyntment so made, had, and taken by the sayde Barons, in manner and fourme last befo̅re recited, shalbe obserued, p̄fourmed, fulfylled, and kept yerely, aswel by both the Sheriffes of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey, and Sussex in the tyme beyng, as by the sayde seuerall Sheriffes for the tyme beyng, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertfo̅rde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of Warwicke and Leycester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Oxon and Barks: Any vsage, lawe, o̅r custome to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅resayde, that no Sheriffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall pay in any court of Recorde, for any duetie belongyng p̄perly to the office of Sheriffe, any other fees o̅r charges then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees whiche he should be compelled to haue payde, yf he had ben Sheriffe of two of the sayd Shires and Counties, as befo̅re the makyng of this Acte was vsed, Any lawe, vsage, o̅r custome to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of three whole yeres, to be accompted from the feast of all Saintes, in the yeere of our Lorde God a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowyng the ende of the sayd three yeeres.

Anno octauo

¶ An Acte for confirmation of a Subsedie graunted by the Cleargie.

The. xvij. Chapter.



Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, haue louingly and liberally for certayne consyderations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsedie of foure shyllynges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler their promotions spirituall within the same Prouince, duryng the terme of three yeres now next ensuing, in such certayne maner and fourme, and with such exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument, by them thereof made, and delyuered to the Queenes hyghnesse, vnder the seale of the most reuerende father in God, Matthewe, now Archbyshop of Canterburie, and Primate of all Englande: which instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterbury, being lawfully congregated and assembled togeather in a conuocation or Synode, callyng to they remembraunce the great and manyfolde benefites, which they haue many and sundry wayes receiued of your Maiesties most gratious bountifulnesse, principally for the settyng forth and aduauncyng of Gods holy woorde, his sincere and true religion, and abolyshyng of all forayne power, contrary to the same. Consideryng also the great debtes, wherewith the imperiall crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almighty God hyther to call your hyghnesse to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, weighing the great charges, wherewith your Maiestie both hath ben, and is lyke to be burdened hereafter, for the defendyng and preseruing your hyghnesse Realme, and naturall subiectes in Christian peace, tranquilitie, and safetie.

In consideration thereof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good hartes, and myndes towards your Maiestie, with

with one vniforme agreement, accorde, and consent togeather, with moste hartie good wyll haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunt to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, one Subsedie, in manner and fourme folowyng.

That is to say: that euery Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, Maister of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the Prouince of Canterburie, enioying any spirituall promotion, or other temporall possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not diuided nor seperated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwyse, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall pay to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, for euery pounde that he may yeerely dispende by reason of the sayd spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shyllynges. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subsedie shalbe made, the rate, taxation, valuation, and estimation, nowe remaynyng of recorde in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the payment of the perpetuall disme or tenth, graunted to your Maiesties most noble father, in the .xxvi. yere of his raigne, concernyng suche promotions as now be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not diuided by Acte of Parliament, or otherwyse alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shalbe folowed and obserued, without making any valuation, rate, taxation, estimation, other then in the sayde recorde is nowe mentioned.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the sayd rate and valuation before mentioned, is yeerely payde to your hyghnesse for the sayd perpetuall disme, so as there remayneth only niene partes to the incumbent cleare: This Subsedie of foure shyllynges the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and meant of euery pounde only of the sayd niene partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes, that no person that is already promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, sithence the .xxiiii. day of May last past, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, on this syde the .xxiiii. day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nine, by reason whereof he is, shall, or may be charged to the payment of the fyrst fruites for the sayd promotion, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same to your highnesse, your heyres or successours, with any part of this Subsedie, duryng the fyrst yeere after the acceptaunce of his sayd promotion.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that this Subsedie of .iiii. s. the pound, of the niene partes of the yeerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayde, within the sayde prouince, taxed

tared, as is aforesayd, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, within three yeeres next ensuing the date hereof, in maner & fourme folowyng. That is to say, sixteene pence of euery pound aforesayd, in euery of the sayd three yeeres. The fyrst payment thereof, to be due at the. xxiiii. day of May next ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen. And the seconde payment thereof, to be due at the. xxiiii. day of May then next folowyng, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fiue hundred, threescore and eyght. And the thyrde payment thereof to be due the. xxiiii. day of May, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde, a thousande fiue hundred, threescore and nine: To be delyuered and payde yeerely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places as it shall please your hyghnesse to appoynt, to be payde at or before the last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yeeres, without paying any thyng to the receyuer, or to any other officers or persons, to be alligned for the receypt thereof, for any acquittaunce or other discharge vpon any such payment and receyte of the sayd Subsedie, or any part thereof to be geuen and deliuered, but only foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for the wryting of euery of the same acquittaunces or discharge, for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your sayd graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that euery Prieste, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauyng any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolued within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shall lykewyse pay to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, foure shyllynges of euery pounde of the sayde pensions, within the sayd three yeeres, at such dayes and tymes as are before specified. And that for the same payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde foure shyllynges shalbe made yeerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proportion of sixteene pence the pounde, euery of the sayde three yeeres, to be deliuered and payde by your hyghnesse receiuers and officers, deputed for the payment of such pensions vnto your Maiesties vse, at such tyme and to such persons, as the Subsedie of foure shyllynges the pounde aforesayde, shalbe payde vnto.

Item, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie doo graunt, that euery Priest or Minister stipendarie, receyuing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuitie, of sixe poundes. xiii.s. iiii.d. or aboue, within the sayde

sayde prouince, shall pay vnto the vse of your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, sixe shyllynges and eight pence, in euery of the sayd three yeeres, at such tyme, and to suche persons as the sayde Subsidie shalbe payde. And for default of payment of the sayde stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyering any Priest or Minister to serue in any place, shalbe aunswearable and charged for and with the payment of the sayd. vi.s. viii.d. for the sayd Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde three yeeres, and shall and may make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayde stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the sayd three yeeres.

Item, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie further doo graunt, that euery Archbyshop and Byshop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, shalbe Collectour of this Subsidie within their proper dioces duryng the sayde three yeeres, other then of the pensioners aforesayde. And the sayde Archbyshop, Byshop, or the See being voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, shall certifie into your Maiesties courte of Exchequer vnder their seales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priestes and Ministers within their dioces as be chargeable by this Acte, before the sayde last day of October yeerely, duryng the sayd three yeeres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie doo most humbly beseeche your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your sayde Maiestie, and your hygh court of Parliament (for the speedye payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidie, or of any part thereof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any parte thereof to the vse of your Maiestie, your heyres or successours, to any person or persons appoynted to receiue the same by your highnesse, or by the sayde Lorde high Treasourer or Subtreasourer: that the sayde person or persons so appoynted, shall within foure dayes next after suche appoyntment, receiue or cause to be receiued the money so offered to be payde, without any further delay: and shall delyuer one sufficient byll, testifiyng the receit thereof, to the sayd Collectour, or his deputie, vpon euery suche perticuler payment. And that euery such Auditour as is or shalbe appoynted to take or receiue the accompt of any suche Collectour or Collectours, shall within syxe dayes next after request to him to be made, truely and indifferently take the said accompt, and make allowaunce as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon payne that euery such person or persons appoynted to receyue the summe or summes so offered, and euery such Auditour, shall lose and forfeyte for euery defaulte or delay to be made, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offeryng to make payment or accompt,

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as is aforesayde, the summe of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England, the one moitie thereof to be to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, and the other moitie to the sayde Collectour or Collectours so greeued, the same to be payde vpon complaynt made to the sayd Lorde Treasourer, vnder Treasourer, or to the Lorde chiefe Baron of your Maiesties courte of Exchequer, who vpon such complaynt, shall presently examine the matter, and fyndyng default, shal commyt the offender to warde, there to remaine vntyl he shal haue payde the sayde seueral summes so forfeyted.

And for the better leuying and recoueryng of the sayd Subsedie, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie do lykewise most humbly beseeche your highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in manner and fourme folowyng. That is to say: that euery Collectour of the sayde Subsedie, and of euery part and parcell thereof, and theyr lawfull deputie or deputies, may haue full power and aucthoritie, to vse all suche wayes and meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and may make accompt thereof, before the Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England for the tyme beyng, or any other officers by your highnesse, or your court of Exchequer, to be appoynted for the same, and in suche place as your Maiestie lykewyse shall assigne, in suche wyse and after suche fourme onely, as the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops be nowe charged to make accompt for the sayde perpetuall disme or tenth, whereby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any perticuler promotion or promotions, shall onely charge the incumbent or incumbentes, and such others as be bound to pay the same. And that the Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, and Chaptour, gatheryng that whiche they can receiue, and makyng payment thereof, shall for the rest, not by them receyued, be discharged by their certificate, to be made before the last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yeeres, vnto your hyghnesse courte of Exchequer: And that fyue pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompte, clearely to be payde into the receipt of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your hyghnesse to appoynt, shalbe allowed to the sayde Collectour vpon his accompt for the same, in euery of the sayd three yeeres, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying, and paying of the same Subsedie.

And moreouer, that it may be enacted lykewyse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsedie shalbe once due by vertue of this graunt in any of the sayde three yeeres, yf any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsedie, beyng at any tyme, after that the same payment

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shalbe due, lawfully monished eyther personally, or at his dignitie, Stall, Churche or Mansion house, by the Archbyshop or Byshop of the Dioces, or their deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chapter, the See being voyde, or by any their deputie or deputies, auctho-rised in that behalfe to appeare by hym selfe, or his deputie, at a cer-teyne day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, then and there to pay suche parte of the sayde Subsedie for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due, doo not eyther at the same day and place so to him signified & prefixed, truely content and pay, or cause to be contented and payde, the same parte of the sayde Sub-sedie, which then by hym shalbe due to be payde vnto the same Arch-byshop or Byshop, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chapter of any See beyng voyde, or to their deputie or depu-ties or to one of them, shewyng sufficient deputation from the sayde Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chapter, vnder his or theyr Seale in that behalfe, being redy at the same day and place so signi-fied and prefixed, to receyue the sayde Subsedie then due, and openly demaunding the same, or els pay the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefixed day at the furthest (so that open demaund be made of the sayde Subsedie, in, and at the sayde place and day before prefixed: that then euery incumbent so making default of payment of this part of the sayd Subsedie, in any of the sayde three yeeres, af-ter suche defaulte thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer in wrytyng, vnder the Seale and hand wrytyng of any Archbyshop or Byshop, or of the Deane and Chapter, the See beyng voyde, charged with the collection of the same Subsedie, so that the sayde certificate shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde courte of Exchequer, before the last day of October in euery of the sayde three yeeres, shal forfeyte and loose that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name so euer it be called, for which he maketh suche default of payment, and whereof such certificate shalbe made, and shalbe therof deuested ipso facto. And the sayd promotion, from, and after the day of the deliuerie of the sayde certificate into your hyghnesse Court of Exchequer, shalbe cleerely voyde and destitute of incumbent in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as yf suche incumbent, makyng suche defaulte of payment, were dead in deede. And that euery cer-tificate of any suche defaulte of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour and effecte ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregijs viris, Domino Thesaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illustrissimæ dominæ nostræ, dominæ Elizabeth. dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regiæ, fidei defensoris. &c. vester humilis, E. permissione diuina L. Episcopus, auctoritate, & vigore cuiusdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ viij. editi, & prouisi, ad colligendū & leuandum Subsidium eidem dominæ Reginæ, in eodem Parliamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuarienſis Prouincie concessum: videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluenda. xxiiij. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra diocœsim nostram, L. deputatus, & auctorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam, tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentijs harum serie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Episcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum, & auctorizatum sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per N. D. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio, & promotione Ecclesiastica, in quadam schedula præsentibus annexa specificatis, summas dicti Subsidij pro dictis beneficijs, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima solutione dicti Subsidij debiti soluendi dicto vicesimo quarto die Maij, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem schedula presentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum meum presentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die

Anno Domini millesimo, quingentesimo, sexagesimo septimo.

The fourme of which schedule aboue mentioned, ensueth, videlicet:

Vicaria de M.

Decanatus de A.B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. predictam, die vltimo præterito per E.D. deputarum meum, ad soluendum apud Ecclesiam de L. in comitatu E. die tuuc proximè sequente, illam partem Subsidij per se debitam, xxiiij. die Maij vltimo præterito, pro promotione sua prædicta. Sed prædictus. A. B. nec apud Ecclesiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies postea, summam per se debitam, (vt præfertur) non soluit, nec satisfecit: neq; dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis, & catallis dicti. A. B. aliquo modo leuare, siue recipere potui.

Proinde

prouided alwayes, that if any person or incumbent chargeable
this acte or graunt to any payment of this Subedie, shall proffer
render payment of any summe due to the Archbyshop or Byshop,
to the Deane and Chaptour where the See is voyde, or to any de-
ane or deputies of any Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chap-
our aforesayde, at any tyme before the certificate exhibited into the
Exchequer, as is aforesayde, that then notwithstandyng the certifi-
te made, as is aforesayde, agaynst any suche person, the sayde in-
umbent or person, agaynst whom the certificate was so made, shall
and may auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforesayde.
And if the same shalbe tryed, eyther by sufficient witnesses before
the Lorde Treasourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the tryall
of twelue men, vppon an issue therevpon to be ioyned betwixt the
same incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any for
him dyd offer, or tender the payment of the summe due, as is afore-
sayde: That then euery suche incumbent shall haue and enioy his
promotion or promotions styll, as though no certificate of default of
such payment had ben made or exhibited: Any thyng in this graunt
or Acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And further that it may be enacted lykewyse, that euery Archby-
shop and Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See vacant,
and other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the sayd
Subsedie of foure shyllynges the pounde, within the sayd Prouince
of Canterburie, shall and may haue vppon euery payment of the
same Subsedie, made to the Lord hygh Treasourer, or vnder Trea-
surer of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to such other person or
persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your
hyghnesse, or your court of Exchequer, to appoynt for the receipte
thereof, in euery of the sayde three yeeres, a sufficient acquittaunce,
discharge, or Quietus est, in wrytyng, of the sayd Lorde hygh Trea-
surer, or vnder Treasourer, or of suche other person or persons, as
shall by your hyghnesse, or your sayd court of Exchequer shall assigne
for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben ac-
customed, the same acquittaunce, discharge, or Quietus est, witnes-
syng the receipt of as much of the same summe of the sayd Subsedie
as shalbe so receyued. And that euery such acquittaunce, discharge,
or Quietus est, in wrytyng, sealed and subscribed with the name or
names of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vnder Treasurer,
for the tyme beyng, or of suche Auditour, or other person or per-
sons, as it shall please your hyghnesse, or your sayde courte of Ex-
chequer, to appoynt for the same receipte, or of suche others as
heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben vsed, shall and may be good
and effectuall in the lawe, and be also a sufficient discharge to
all and euery of the sayde Collectours, to all intentes, construc-

tions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of parliament. And that euery of the sayde Collectours shall pay but onely three shyllynges and foure pence, for euery general and finall acquittaunce, discharge, or Quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the said Subsedie. And also that euery particuler acquittaunce, whiche vppon payment of any part of the sayde Subsedie, shalbe made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsedie, or of any payment thereof, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorie and chargeable to and with the same Subsedie, or any parte or payment therof, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery suche incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all suche summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittaunce shalbe acknowledged to be receyued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or part of the same Subsedie. And that none acquittaunce of any other person or persons, made before suche certificate, shall in any wyse discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsedie, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forfeyture, specified in this graunt.

And to the intent it may be knowen to the court of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery suche Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittaunce: Euery Archbyshop, Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See being voyde, shal yeerely with the certificate of the names of stipendarie Priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the Deputies, to be appoynted, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that no spirituall promotions, or any landes, possessions, reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt of the Prouince of Canterburie, or any goodes or cattelles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng vpon the same, or els where, appertenyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorie, to any fyfteenth or tenth, or any other Subsedie alredy graunted to your hyghnesse by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the terme of the sayd three yeeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Maisters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, or of any of them, within the sayde Prouince, shalbe charged with the Subsedie for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onely, whiche to theyr seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Romes, are clearely and distinctly limited, and to their owne onely vses seuered, thereof to pay the tenth part,

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beyng deducted foure shyllynges of euery pounde, within the sayde three yeeres, in manner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all thole rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spirituall promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by your hyghnesse, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, geuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuised, or impropried vnto the sayde Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, which any wayes be assigned or vsed, eyther in or towardes the yeerely mayntenaunce of poore men, Schoolemaisters, Ushers, Gramarians, Peticanons, Vicars, Chorall readers of Diuinitie, Syngyng men, Choristers, Vergers, or of any other necessarie and dayly officers or ministers, in suche Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the redifying or repayryng of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fabricam Ecclesiæ, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsidie. The certayntie of which portions, as well chargeable to this Subsidie, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbyshop or Byshop of the Diocis, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour vpon due search and examination, shall certifie vnder his or theyr seale, into your hyghnesse sayde courte of Exchequer, before the sayde last day of October, in euery of the sayd three yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other Spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may reteyne vnto.x.s. of euery pounde, of euery such pention euery yeere, duryng the sayde three yeeres, to his owne relefe, in consyderation that he is charged to pay this Subsidie of.xiii.s. the pound, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promotion.

Prouided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie doo most humbly beseeche your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maisties auctoritie, and your hygh court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, pencions, pensions, portions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, lately belongyng to dyuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde Prouince of Canterbury, whiche were geuen and assigned to be bestowed and spent to and on the fyndyng and mayntenyng of certayne Chauntryes, Annuelaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late kyng of famous memorie Edwarde the syxth, by force of a statute thereof made in the fyrst yeere of his late reigne, as by the sayde estatute more playnely appeareth: That the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and the Byshoppes, Deanes, or Presidenters and

Chaptours of the same, and all other places and persons, or any of them, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses or any of them, dyd lately apperteyne: shall not duryng the sayde three yeeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsedie of and for that part or portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other heriditamentes, of any of them, whereunto the sayd late kyng by force of the sayd Statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of, or for any yeerely rentes or paymentes, goyng out, or due to be payd vnto your Maiestie out of the premisses, nor any part thereof: But onely of and for all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pentions, portions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, which do yet styl remayne not disseuered from the handes & possession of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayd. And that deduction and allowaunce therof to be made to them, and euery of them, accordyngly, in and vpon euery payment of this sayd Subsedie, out of the whole value, taration, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall disme or tenth, remaynyng of recorde in your hyghnesse courte of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yeerely paymentes, whereunto the sayd late kyng was intituled or possessed of, or which otherwyse haue been seuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons afore sayde, by force of the Statute premised: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoeuer, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Subsedie graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College, situate or set within eyther of the Vniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues vnto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayde Vniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of Studentes or College in any of the same Vniuersities, vnited, appropried, or apparteinyng, or of the Colleges of Windsor, or Eton nygh Windsor, or of the College called S. Marie College by Winchester, founded by William Wickham, sometime Byshop of Winchester, or of any Hospitals, or Grammer Schooles, or of any other Churche, Benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde Vniuersities, Houses, Colleges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or otherwyse apparteynyng.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, & other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue syxe poundes, thyrteene shyllinges, and foure pence, by yere, after the taration aforesayd, shall not be charged with this Subsedie, or any part thereof.

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Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose Benefice is aboue syxe poundes, thyrteene shyllynges, and foure pence, and not aboue ten poundes by yeere, after the taxation aforesayde, shall pay euery yeere of the sayde three yeeres, onely .vi.s. viii.d. for his part of the sayde Subsidie, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to pay, by force of this graunt, and not otherwyse.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and al other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauing a pention by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or any other incorporations within the Prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, & beyng of the summe of .xl.s. or vnder, and not aboue, shal not be charged or chargeable for any such pension: Any thyng conteyned in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this present graunt: Your sayd Prelates and Cleargie, most humbly desyre your hyghnesse, that this their sayd gyft, graunt, and Subsidie, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concernyng the sayd Subsidie, may be ratifyed, established, and confirmed, by the auctoritie of your hyghnesse court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure payment of the sayde Subsidie, graunted by the sayd Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde gyft and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the sayde instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, establyshed, and confirmed by the auctoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that euery person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gatheryng of the sayde Subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to leuie, take, and perceiue the same Subsidie, by the auctoritie of the Censures of the Churche: That is to say, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes so euer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vpon the possession of the Farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by the sayde instrument, for or to the payment

ment of any ſumme or ſummes of money, to be due by force therof, or otherwyſe, by the diſcretion of the Collectour therof. And that no repleuie, prohibitiō, or Superſedeas ſhalbe alowed or obeyed, for any perſon or perſons making default of payment of the ſayd Subſedie, contrary to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntyll ſuche tyme as they haue truely ſatiſfied and contented all ſuche part and portions, as to them in that behalfe apparteyneth. And that euery ſuche Farmour and Farmours, their executours and aſſignes, that ſhall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the ſayde Subſedie, or any part thereof, ſhall by the auctheritie aforeſayde, be alowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yeerely rent and farme, as the ſumme whiche he ſhall fortune to pay for his Lorde or Leaſſour ſhall extende vnto, except the ſayde farmour or farmours, their executours and aſſignes, by the leaſſe and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tithes, profites and tenementes charable to this ſayde Subſedie, or by force of any couenaunt, or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to pay the ſame, and therof to diſcharge their Leaſſour and Landlord, duryng the terme mentioned in the ſayd leaſſe.

And lyke wyſe be it enacted by the auctheritie of this preſent Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subſedie, beyng oftentimes remoueable, doo ſerue aſwell in diuers impropriations, belongyng to the Queenes Maieſtie, as in other impropriations, and in other ſpirituall promotions, belonging to other perſons, that for the ſpeedie recouery of the ſayd Subſedie, it may be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the ſayd Subſedie, their deputie or deputies, to leauie the ſayde Subſedie vppon the Farmour and Farmours, or occupiers of all ſuche impropriations and ſpirituall promotions, by all cenſures of the Church aforeſayd, and euery of them, or by way of diſtreſſe, of the tythes of the ſayd impropriation or impropriations, and ſpirituall promotions, or otherwyſe, vppon the goodes and cattels of the ſaid Farmour or Farmours, and occupiers, in which caſe no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other proceſſe awarded to the contrary, ſhalbe obeyed: Any lawes, ſtatutes, priuileges, or cuſtomes, to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, graunted or vſed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vſed, to the contrary, in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers and miniſters of ſuch Archbyſhop, Byſhop, or Deane and Chapeter, for not payment of the ſayde Subſedie, after the ſame ſhalbe due in any of the ſayde three yeeres, to prayſe and value the ſayd diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes, by two indifferent neighbours by hym to be choſen, and the diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes ſo prayſed, to ſell, and therof to deteine ſo much money, as ſhal amount to the ſumme payable to the Queenes

Maieſtie,

Maieſtie, with the reaſonable charges alſo of the ſayd Collectour, aſſeyned in that behalfe, and the reſt of the money made of the ſayd wherfe, to be deliuered and payde to the owner or occuppyer thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that euery lay perſon, hauyng ſpirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and alſo hauing temporall poſſeſſions, goodes, cattelles, and debtes, chargeable to the Subſedie graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie, ſhalbe charged, tared, and ſet, for his ſayd ſpirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall poſſeſſions and chattels reall, with the Temporaltie, and not otherwyſe: Any thing before mentioned to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all and euery graunt and grauntes, of all and euery ſumme & ſummes of money, whiche hereafter ſhalbe graunted to the Queenes Maieſtie, by the Cleargie of the Prouince of Yorke, ſhalbe of the ſame ſtrength, force, and effect, in all thynges, as the ſayd graunt made by the ſayd Prouince of Canterburie: and ſhalbe tared, certifyed, collected, leuyd, gathered and payde, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this preſent act of Parliament, to al intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, in ſuch maner and fourme, as though it were ſpecifyed, playnely, and perticulerly expreſſed, and rehearſed in this Acte expreſſe wordes, termes, and ſentences, in their ſeuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that all prouiſoes before rehearſed, conteyned in the ſayde graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, and the like of the ſame prouiſions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, ſhalbe good and effectuall, and to be obſerued and kept in euery poynt and article, accordyng to the true purport and meanyng of the ſame.

God ſaue the Queene.

Reginæ Elizabethe. Cap.xviii.

An acte for one Fifteene

and tenth, and of one Subsidie graunted by the Temporaltie.

The.xviii.Chapter.



WE your Maiesties most humble subiectes, meanyng (accordyng to our most bounden dueties) to present vnto your Maiestie, by way of Sebsidie, some relieke for the great extraordinarie charges sustayned in the defence of your Maiesties dominions & countreys, agaynst sundry dangerous attemptes: can not forbeare, but with all humblenes, most thankefully to set before the same our most lowly thankes, for three

tarial matters proceedyng from your Maiestie, to our benefite, ioy, and comfort, in this present assemblee.

First, for the most princely consyderation had of vs, in the forbearing at this time some portion of that, which accordyng to the great

ncie and necessitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yeelded vnto your Maiestie.

Secondly, for the most comfortable assuraunce & promise, by your Maiestie made and declared vnto vs, that for our weale and suretie, your Maiestie would marrie, assoone as God shoulde geue you opor-

unitie to accomplishe the same, whereof we haue receyued infinite comfort, and shal pray to almightie God to further and prosper all your Maiesties actions tendyng thereunto, that we your most natu-

rall subiectes, may speedily see some noble issue of your body, to con-

tinue perpetually by discent the succession of this imperial Crowne.

Thirdely, for the great hope and comfort we haue conceiued, by the meanes of your Maiesties most honourable speache vttered and declared vnto vs, of your most gratious and princely disposition and determination, when tyme shall thereunto serue conueniently, with

the suretie of your Maiesties person, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further stablishyng of the succession of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iustice shall require the same, after the succession of the issue of your body. In

which your gratious disposition and care for vs, we moste humbly

beseeche

beſeeche almyghtie God to continue your Maieſtie, and to proſper your intentions and actions, to eſtabliſhe that, whiche with aſſent of your Realme in Parliament, may be agreeable and conſonant to lawe and iuſtice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayſe, honour, and memorie of your Maieſtie, and yours perpetually: And that touchyng the graunt of our ſayde Subſidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowyng.

Be it enacted, that your highneſſe, towarde the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better maintenaunce of your royall eſtate, ſhall haue by auctho'itie of this preſent Parliament, one fifteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, and leuyed, of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thinges vſuall to ſuche Fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributorie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maieſties Realme, in maner and fourme aforetyme vſed: except the ſumme of vi.M.li. therof fully to be deducted, in reliefe, comfort, and diſcharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughes, of this your ſayde Realme, waſted, deſolate, or deſtroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after ſuche rate as was and hath afore this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be diuided in ſuche maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath ben had and diuided. And the ſayde Fyfteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction aforeſayde, therupon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to ſay, the one moytie therof (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghneſſe, in the receipt of your highneſſe Exchequer, before the fyrſt day of Nouember, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1567. And the other moytie of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghneſſe, in the ſayde receipt of your Exchequer. before the fyrſte day of Nouember, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1568.

And be it further enacted by the auctho'itie aforeſayde, that the Knightes elected and returned, of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this preſent Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeſes of Boroughes and Townes, where Collectours haue ben vſed to be named and appoynted, for the Collection of any Fifteene and Tenth before this tyme graunted, ſhall name and appoynt onely before the laſt day of Auguſt, in eyther of the ſayd two yeeres, ſufficient and able perſons, for the collection of the ſayde ſeuerall moytes of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, in euery of the ſayde Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, the ſayde perſons then hauing landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne ryght, of an eſtate of inheritaunce, of the yeerely value of tenne pounde, or in goodes worth a hundred pounde at the leaſt. And alſo ſuche perſons

ion or persons, so by them to be named and appoynted for the
rection of the seuerall moyties of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth,
ade by them seuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundredes,
apes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, & Townes. And also the
e persons so named and appoynted for the collection of the sayde
erall moyties of the sayde Fyfteene and Tenth, shalbe seuerally
arged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in
e Exchequer to be made, with the seuerall moyties of all suche
mme or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapen-
kes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shall so
appen to be appoynted, shal amount vnto, and of no more summe
summes, and vpon the payment of suche summes of money, as
e they shall so be charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his
d their Quietus est, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any
her his fellowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, not-
withstandyng. And the names and surnames of euery of the sayde
Collectours, for the seueral moities of the sayd Fifteene and Tenth,
arrying eyther of the sayde two yeeres, together with the place allot-
ed to their collection and charge, the sayd Knyghtes, Citizens, and
Burgeses, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, whereunto they
e elected, named, and returned, shall certifie before the Queene in
e Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the
e two yeeres, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte. And yf de-
lt of any suche certifying be had or made, in fourme as is afore-
e: then the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keeper of the
eat Seale for the tyme beyng, shal immediatly after, name and
appoynt Collectours, for the collection of eyther of the sayde moyties
f the sayde Fifteene and Tenth, in maner and fourme as the sayde
Knyghtes of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Bo-
roughes should haue done, and as afore tyme hath ben vsed. The
which sayde Collectours, and euery of them, so to be named and ap-
pointed as is afore sayde, shall haue allowaunce vppon their ac-
omptes, for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of
e moytie of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth ratable, in as large ma-
ner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of any Fyfteene
and Tenth haue had at any season in tyme past. And that the Ba-
rons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, shall and may
from tyme to tyme, awarde suche processe for the speedie payment of
e sayde seuerall moyties of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth, agaynst
e Collectour and Collectours of the same, as by their discretions
albe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this
esent Parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncelour, or keeper of
e great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knyghtes of the Shires, Citi-

zens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauing aucthoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth: shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, and be endorsed vpō such condition, that if the sayde Collectour or collectours do truely content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde fyrst day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeeres, so muche of the summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same Collectour shall haue collected and geathered, and do like wyse after the sayd first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he shall haue geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. Whiche Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde Knyghtes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, takyng any suche Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Treasourer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same fyrst day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeeres, vpon payne of forfaiture of .x.li. to the Queenes highnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche Collectour, vpon request to hym made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognisaunce or obligation accordyngly, vpon lyke payne of forfayture of x.li. to the Queene for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, vpon the paymēt of the same collection, at the sayde dayes shall cancel and deliuer the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, without any other warrant, & without any fee or reward to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and wayghtie considerations & foresayde, we the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our lyke assent and aucthoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse the sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spirituall and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to say, as well of

euery person borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, beyng worth three poundes, for euery pounde, aswell in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery suche person, Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, Comminaltie, corporate or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vse: as also plate, stocke of marchaundizes, al maner of corne and grayne, housholde stuffe, and all other goodes moueable, as wel within the Realme, as without, and of al suche summes of money as to hym or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or their conscience surely to be payde: Except, and out of the premisses deducted, suche summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conscience intendeth truely to pay, and except also the apparel of euery such persons, their wiues & children, belonging to their owne bodyes, sauing Jewels, golde, syluer, stone, and pearle: shall pay to and for the fyrst payment of the sayd Subsidie. xii. d. of euery pounde, and to and for the second payment of the sayde Subsidie. x. d. of euery pounde. And also euery Alien and straunger borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, aswell Denizen, as other inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pounde that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euery pounde in plate, ware, grayne, marchaundizes, housholde stuffe, or other goodes, rents, catteles, moueable, or vnmoueable, as is aforesayde, aswell within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money to hym or them owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or their conscience surely to be payde: Except, and out of the same premisses deducted, euery suche summe or summes of money whiche he or they do owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intende truely to pay: shall pay of and for euery pounde, to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii. s. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii. d. of euery pound. And also that euery Alien & straunger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, beyng Denizen, or not Denizen, not beyng contributorie to any the rates aboue sayde, shall pay and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie. iiii. d. and to & for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii. d. for euery polle. And the maister, or he or she with whom the same Alien is, or shalbe dwelling at the tyme of the taxation or taxations thereof to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, and euery Corporation, fraternitie, Guylde, Misterie, Brotherheade, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, for euery pounde that euery of the

same persons, and euery Corporatiō, Fraternitie, Guilde, Mistirie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardship, or by copy of court roll, of, and in any honours, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, and other yeerely profites, of the yeerely value of . xx.s . as well within anncient demeane, and other places priuiledged, or els where, and so by wardes: shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie. xvi.d. of and for euery pounde, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. xvi.d. of and for euery pound. And euery Alien, Denizen, or not Denizen, borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, in suche case, to pay at the tyme of the saide paymentes. ii.s. viii.d. of euery pounde, and at the seconde payment. ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pounde. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goodes and debtes, or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte conteyned, shall be at eyther of the sayde paymentes, set and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act, (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and yeerely wages due to seruauntes for their yeerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruauntes, takyng yerely wages, of. v.li. or aboue, onely excepted and forepriled,) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goodes, debtes, and cattels, personals, being in the rule and custodie of any person and persons, to the vse of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Guylde, Mistirie, Brotherhead, or any Cōminaltie, being corporate, or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the presentours of that certificate, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is aboue sayde, & of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, as is aboue sayd and the summes that are before rehearsed, set, and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that shal haue suche goodes in custodie, or otherwyse charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, and body corporate, by auctho̅itie of this Acte, shalbe discharged agaynst hym or them that shal or ought to haue the same, at the tyme of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except and alwayes forepriled from the charge and assessement of this Subsidie, all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, which haue ben ordeyned and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of almightie God.

And the first payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe by auctho̅itie aforesayd, tared, assessed, and rated accordyng to this Acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, and

and euery other place, within this Realme of England, and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the tenth day of Februarie next comming. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the auctho:itie afo:esayde, tared, assessed, and rated, before the tenth day of Feb:uarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lo:de God. 1567. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Ry-ding, Bo:ough, Towne, and other places afo:esayde, with the par-ticuler names of such as are chargeable fo: and to the fy:st payment of the sayde subsidie, to be tared and set by the Commissioners to the same limitted, o: two of th̄e at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, & in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the tenth day of Marche next comming. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Riding, Bo:ough, Towne, and other places afo:esayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable fo: and to the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be tared and set by commissioners, to the same to be limitted o: two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme, shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer be-fore the tenth day of Marche, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lo:d God. 1567. And the sayde summes, in fourme afo:esayd, to be tared to and fo: the fi:st payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer afo:esayde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, before the fy:st day of Apryl next comming. And the sayde summes in maner and fourme afo:esayde, to be tared in the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the place afo:esayde, to the vse afo:esayde, before the fy:st day of Apryll, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lo:de God. 1568. And the summes aforesayde, of, and fo: the sayde Subsidie, shalbe tared, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, geathered, leuied, and payde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heires, & succes-sours, in fourme aboue-sayd, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt, o: not exempt, as without: except such Shires, places, and persons, as shalbe fo:epri-uiledged, and by this p:esent acte: Any graunt, charter, p:escription, vse, or libertie by reason of any letters patentes, o: other p:iuiledge, p:escription, allowaunce of the same, o: whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofo:e to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, o: obtey-ned, notwithstandyng.

And it is further enacted by the auctho:itie of this p:esent Par-liament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, De-nizen o: not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, o: within Wales, o: other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessinges o: tarations, o: of eyther of them, to be had o: made,

made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitauntes of the place, where such goods, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, deputie, or atturney, shal haue his most resort vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner, as yf the sayde person were or had ben at the tyme of the sayde assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abyding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this Acte, accordyng & after the rate of suche yerely substance, or value of landes & tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged, shalbe set at, in ꝑ time of the sayd assessyng or taxation vpon him to be made, & in none other wise.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that for the sessyng and orderyng of the sayde Subsidie, to be duely had, the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great seale, the Lorde Treasorer of England, the Lord Steward of the queenes Maiesties houshold, the Lord Presidente of the Queenes honorable Counsell, and the Lorde Priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keeper of the great seale for the tyme being, to be one: shall and may name & appoynt, of, and for euery Shire, and Ridyng, & other places, aswell within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominions, and also of, and for euery Citie & Towne, beyng a Countie of it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, such certayne number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Rydinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wyght, and euery other place, as they shal thinke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honorable housholde of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shire or other places the said housholde shal happen then to be. And the Lord Chauncelour, or Lord keper of the great seale, & other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name and appoint of euery other such Borough and Towne corporate, aswel in England, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two of the head officers: and other honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, accordyng to the number and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The whiche persons, yf any suche be thereunto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties of them selues, shalbe ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the persons

persons named for suche shires and Rydinges, as the sayde Boroughes and Townes, corporate, not beyng Counties in thē selues, be set, and haue their beyng. Which persons so named, for and of the sayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shal not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses out of the sayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, wherein they be so named onely, nor to execute the sayde commission within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwellyng, but at such dayes and tymes as the said other Commissioners for the same Shire and Rydyng, shall thereunto limit and appoynt within the same Borough or Towne corporate, not beyng Countie corpotate, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be aydyng and assistyng with the sayde other Commissioners, in, & for the good executyng of the effect of the sayde Commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayd Commissioners, so named for euery suche Citie, Borough, & Towne corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make such fine, as ỹ said other Commissioners, in the commission of and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretions set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuyed to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in lyke maner as yf suche or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery such person for the sayde Subsidie.

The which Commissioners, so named of and for the sayd Cities, Boroughes, & Townes, not beyng Counties, and onely put in the sayde commission by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this acte afterward specified & alowed. And the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or the keeper of the great Seale of Englande for the tyme being, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seuerall commissions: that is to say, to euery Shire, Ryding, Lath, Wapentake, Raye, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and Housholde, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretion, and any of the other with him afore named & appoynted, as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient, for the sellyng and leuying of the sayde Subsidie, in all Shires and places, according to the true meanyng of this Act. Which commission for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe dated and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the xx. day of Januarie next commyng: And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the twentie day of Januarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxbii. And to euery of the sayde commissions

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tenne Scedules, conteynyng in them the tenour of this Acte, shalbe asſyled. By whiche commiſſion, the Commiſſioners in euery ſuche commiſſion named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the ſayde commiſſion, shal haue full power and auctoritie, to put the effect of the ſame commiſſion in execution: And that by auctoritie of this acte, after ſuch commiſſions to them directed, they may by their aſſentes and agreementes, ſeuer themſelues for the execution of their commiſſion, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Pariſhes, and other places within the limittes of their ſayde commiſſion, in ſuche fourme as to them ſhall ſeeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenor and effect of the commiſſion to them therein directed. Upon which ſeueraunce, euery perſon of this preſent Parliament that ſhalbe Commiſſioner, ſhalbe aſſigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no perſon be or ſhalbe compelled to be any Commiſſioner, to, and for the execution of this preſent acte, but only in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any perſon beyng aſſigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyſe ſhall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is alſo enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the Commiſſioners, and euery of them, whiche ſhalbe named, limitted, and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to be Commiſſioners in euery ſuche Shire, Ryding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Iſle, and the ſayd Houlholde, or any other place, and none other, ſhall truely, effectually, and diligently for their part, execute the effect of this preſent acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none other wyſe by any other meanes, without omiſſion, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof. And the ſayde Commiſſioners, and as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the ſayde commiſſion, and none other, for the execution of the ſayde commiſſion and Acte, ſhall for the taxation of the ſayde fyrſt payment of the ſayde Subſidie, before the laſt day of Januarie next comming: And for the taxation of the ſayde ſecond payment of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhal before the laſt day of Januarie, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thouſande, fyue hundreth, threeſcore and ſeuen, by vertue of the commiſſion deliuered vnto them in fourme aforeſayde, direct their ſeuerall or ioynt precept or preceptes, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitauntes ſhall be requiſite, of the moſt ſubſtaunciall, diſcrete, and honeſt perſons inhabitauntes, to be named by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or by as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted

poynted by the sayde commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes Wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, aswel within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other like officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, & other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by their discretions in diuision, shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shalbe requisite, strayghtly by the same precept chargyng and commaundyng the same inhabitantes, Constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or suche number of them, as they shall diuide them selues, according to the tenour of the sayde commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayde, by their discretions shalbe limitted thereunto, to do and accomplishe al that to them on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie shal be enioyned, touchyng this act. Commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precepte shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitantes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vpon payne of .xl.s. to be forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordayned by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners beyng present, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties commission, shall cal, or cause to be called before them, the sayd inhabitauntes and officers, to whom they haue directed their sayde preceptes, & which had in commaundement there to appeare by vertue of the sayde precept. And if any person so warned, make default, wherein he then be letted by sickenesse or lawful excuse, & that let then be witnessed by othes of two credible persons, or yf any appearyng, refuse to serue in fourme folowyng: thē euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shal forfait to ỹ Queenes Maiestie .xl.s. for euery time appointed by the said Commissioners for the same

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taxation, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder written, euery of them so makyng default, or refusing so to serue, shal forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie, xl.s. And vpon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporal othe, to enquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng and abydyng within the limits of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other whyche shal haue his or their most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thinges requisite, touchyng the sayde acte, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therevpon, as neare as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, as well of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, cattelles, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the same acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vpon payne of forfeyture of.v.li. or more, to be taxed, extracted, and leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Acte shalbe limitted or appoynted. And thereupon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates in this Acte mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof aboue sayde, and of all maner of persons, as well of aliens and straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, goodes, and cattelles of Fraternities, Gyldes, Corporations, Brotherheades, Misteries, and Comminalties, and other, as is aboue sayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the seas, hauyng goodes and cattelles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is afore sayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is aboue sayde. By the which information and shewyng, the sayde person shoulde haue suche playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persone shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the statute of the saide Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificat to be made in writing, conteynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, as well of yerely value of landes and tene-

tenementes, and of such lyke possessions and profites as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thyng to theyr Certificate requisite and necessary to them declared: the sayde Commissioners there being, shall by theyr discretions appoynt and limit vnto the same persons another day and place, to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and chargyng the sayde persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all wayes and meanes, of the premisses, and then and there, euery of them vppon payne of forfeyture of fourtie shyllynges to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayd new prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in wrytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in manner aforesayde hath been declared and shewed by the Commissioners. At which day and place so to them assigned, yf any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde Certificate: that then euery of them so offendyng, to forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllynges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his defaulte, by reason of sickenesse or otherwyse, by the othes of two credible persons there wyttnessed. And of such as appeare, ready to make certificate as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall take and receyue the same certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substaunce of euery person so certified: and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presentments thereof, and therevpon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde day and place, by theyr agreement among them selues, shall from tyme to tyme openly there prefixe a day, at a certaine place or places, within the limittes of theyr Commission, by theyr discretion, for euery further proceedyng to the sayd assessing of the same Subsidie, and thereuppon at the sayde day of the sayde certificat, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make theyr precepte or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylyffes, or other officers of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places within the same, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprysyng and conteynyng in the same precept, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde certificate, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue behement cause, to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, debtes, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce then is sayde, then vppon suche person or persons shalbe certified: the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bailiffe, or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Baylyffes, or other officers, to whom suche preceptes

shalbe directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comp
prysed in the sayde precept, at theyr mansions, or to theyr persons,
that the same persons named in suche preceptes, and euery of them,
shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners at th
same newe prefixed day and place, there to be examined by al waye
and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Com
missioners, of theyr greatest substaunce and best value, and of al
and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoe
uer matter concernyng the premisses, or any of them, accordyng to
this Acte. At which day and place so prefixed, the sayde Commis
sioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe there
vnto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be cal
led the sayde persons, whose names shalbe compzised in the sayde
precept, as is before sayde, for theyr examination. And yf any of those
persons which shalbe warned, as is before sayde, to be examined,
whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day,
shalbe within suche place where he may haue knowledge of his
sayde appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vn
lesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of
two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners be truely al
leaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so making default,
to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with, and ab
the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue
been set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substaunce
vppon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of th
Commissioners there beyng. Which Commissioners shall trauay
with euery of the other persons so then and there appearyng
whose names shalbe expressed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and
in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboue
sayde, by all suche wayes and meanes they can, other then by
corporall othe, for the better knowledge of theyr best value, either
in hereditamentes, or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes.
And that euery Spirituall person, at eyther of the sayde taxa
tions of the sayde Subsedie, shalbe rated and set accordyng
the rate aboue sayde, of, and for euery pounde that the same spir
tuall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discente, bargayne,
purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres
by execution, by warde, or by coppe of Court rolle, in any Manors
Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, fees, Comm
Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iuste, and yerel
value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties
Subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme about
remembred, so that it extende to the yeerely value of twentie shy
lynges or aboue.

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And it is further enacted, that yf the sayde taxours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in theyr inquirie, taxation, assessement, or certifycate, but shall affectionatly, corruptly, or partially demeane them selues in that behalfe, in suche wyse, that the Commissioners shall by theyr consideration deeme them offenders, woorthy of punyshment for not doyng theyr dueties therein: that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that countie, wherein Subsedie, shall haue power and aucthoritie, by theyr discretions, eyther to charge the sayde assessours, vppon theyr corporall othe, for the better seruice aforesayde in that behalfe, or els by their discretions to taxe and set vppon euery of the sayde assessours, for their misdemeanours in that behalfe, suche a fyne or payne as they shall thynke good, so that it exceede not the summe of ten poundes, and the same fyne or payne, at theyr discretions to estreate into the Court of Exchequer. Euery which fyne so taxed and set by foure of the sayde Commissioners, or more, and beyng estreated with the Subsidie or Bookes of that limit, shalbe leuyed and aunswered to the Queenes vse, in lyke manner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as any other summe that shalbe taxed and become due by vertue of this estatute and Acte of Subsedie, and not in any other wyse or maner.

And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether he be Commissioner or other, to any manner of value, doth fynde hym selfe greeued with the same presentement, sessyng, taxyng, and therevppon complayne to the Commissioners, or to whom he shall be rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certifyed into the Court of the Exchequer: that then the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particulerly and distinctly the person so complaynyng, vppon his othe and other his sufficyent proues, by theyr discretions, of euery his landes and tenements aboue specifyed, and of euery his goodes, cattels, and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, whiche shall haue power by aucthoritie aforesayde: that the Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr discretion, vppon the othe of the same person so complaynyng, may abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, accordyng as it shall appeare vnto them vpon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in summe as hereafter ensueth. And yf it be proued by wytnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any suche othe made, that the same

perſon ſo tared, and ſworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thynges aboue ſpecified, at the tyme of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne dyd declare vpon his ſayd othe: that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offendyng, ſhal loſe and forfeyte to the Queenes Maieſtie, ſo muche in lawfull money of Englande, as he the ſame perſon ſo ſworne, was ſet at, or tared to pay.

AND alſo it is enacted by the ſame aucthoritie, that euery perſon to be rated at the ſayde taxation, as is aforeſayde, ſhall be rated, tared, and ſet, and the ſumme on hym ſet, to be leuied at ſuche place where he and his familie at the tyme of the ſame preſentment to be made, ſhall keepe his houſe or dwellyng, or where he then ſhalbe moſte conuerſaunt, abydyng, or reſiaunt, or ſhall haue his moſt reſorte, at the tyme of the ſayde Certificate to be made, and no where els. And that no Commiſſioner for this Subſedie, ſhall be rated or tared, for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre and other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner. And that if any perſon chargeabe to this Acte, at the tyme of the ſame aſſeſſyng, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhalbe knowen: then he to be ſet where he was laſte abydyng in this Realme, or within Wales, and after the ſubſtaunce, value, and other profytes of euery perſon, to be knowen by the examination, certificate, or other maner of wyſe, as is aforeſayde. And that the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion or Commiſſions, ſhall after the rate and rates aforeſayde, cauſe euery perſon to be ſet, rated, and tared, accordyng to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, catteiles, and other profytes chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greateſt and moſte beſt ſumme or ſummes, accordyng to his moſte ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this Acte, myght or may be ſet, or tared. And that euery perſon tared in any Countie or place, other then where he is moſt reſiaunt or hath his familie, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commiſſioner for this Subſedie, yf he be a Commiſſioner, vppon certificate made to the ſayde courte of Exchequer, vnder the handes and ſeales of two Commiſſioners for the Subſedie in the ſame Countie or place where ſuche perſon is moſte reſiaunt, or hath his familie, or where he is a Commiſſioner for the taxation and payment of this Subſedie, teſtifyng ſuche his moſte reſiauncie, hauyng a familie, or beyng a Commiſſioner: ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge for the taxation of that perſon in all other places, and of, and for all other ſummes of money vppon ſuche perſons ſo ſet and tared, ſaue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from which ſuch certificate ſhalbe made, as is aforeſayde, and for the ſumme of money vppon ſuche perſon there aſſeſſed or

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ued. And that suche certificate, without any plea or other circumstaunce, shall be a sufficient warraunt, aswell to the Barons and Remembrour and Auditours of the sayde Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whom the alowaunce thereof shal appertayne, paying for such discharge & alowaunce only. vi. d. & no more.

Prouided alwayes, that euery suche person, whiche shall be rated, or taxed, according to the intent and true meanyng of this Act, for payment of and to this Subsidie, for, and after the yeerely value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions or profytes, at any of the sayde taxations, shall not after be set and taxed for his goodes and cattelles, or other his moueable substaunce at the same taxation, and that he that shall be set, charged, or taxed for the same Subsidie, for his goodes, tattelles, and other moueables, at any of the sayde taxations, according to the true meanyng of this Act, shall not after be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profytes abouesayde, at the same taxations, nor any of them, nor that any person by any taxation be double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor set nor taxed at seuerall places by reason of this Acte. But yf any person happen to be double set, taxed, or charged, eyther in one place, or at seuerall places: then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meanyng and intent of this Acte. Any thyng conteyned in this present Acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that it be ordeyned and enacted by the sayde aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauyng two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe housholde seruaunt, or waytyng seruaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde, or Lady, Maister or Maistres, be excused vppon his saying, from the taxes of the sayde Subsidie, in neyther of the places where he may be set or taxed, vnlesse he bryng a certificate in wryting from the Commissioners, where that he is so set or taxed in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be set and taxed to this present Subsidie, by reason of his remouyng or resortyng to two places, eyther reason of his saying that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwellyng or obydyng in any place, not beyng foreprysed in this Acte, or otherwise, by his couine or craft or by any woordes or sayinges, or yf any that is a Commissioner or Commissioners of others, happen to escape from the sayde taxations of this Subsidie, or any of them, and be not set and taxed, according to the true intent of this Acte, & that proued by presentment, examination, information, or otherwyse, before the sayd Commissioners, or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the Countie where such perso dwelleth:

then euery suche person that by suche meanes, or otherwyse wylfully by couyne, or without iust cause, shall happen to escape from the sayde taxations, or paymentes aforesayde, or any of them, and shall not be rated, taxed, and set, shall be charged vppon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of so muche as he shoulde, myght, or ought to haue ben set and taxed at, by vertue of this Acte. And the same double value to be leuyed, gathered, and payde, of his goodes and catteles, landes, and tenementes, towardes the sayde Subsedie, and further to be punyshed accordyng to the discretions of the Barons, Justices, and Commissioners, before whom he shall be conuicted for his offence and deceypt in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners in euery commission, shall accordyng to theyr deuisions, and after they be deuided, haue full power and aucthoritie by this Acte, to set, taxe, and sesse euery other Commissioner, ioyned with them in euery suche commission and diuision, and shall also assesse euery Assessour within theyr deuision, for his and theyr goodes, landes, and other the premisses, as is abouesayde: by the whiche sayde Commission, the sayde Commissioners shall indifferently set, taxe, and assesse them selues and the sayde Assessours. And that aswell the summes vppon euery of the sayde Commissioners and Assessours, so sessed, rated, and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the presenters swoorne as is abouesayde, shalbe wrytten, certified, set, and estreated, and the estreates thereof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties, within the limittes of the same Commission and deuision, so to be gathered and leuied, in lyke manner as it ought or shoulde haue been, yf the sayde Commissioners had not been in the sayde Commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shall be charged with theyr free holde, and bale, as is abouesayd, by the Chauncellour, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of Englande, the hygh Treasourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, and other such persons, as by the Queenes Maiesties auctoritie or commaundement, shalbe named and appoynted, and they to be charged for the sayd seuerall paymentes of the sayde Subsedie, after the fourme of the sayde graunt, accordyng to the taration aforesayde. And the summes of and vppon them to be set and taxed, with the names of the Collectours appoynted for the gatheryng and payng of the same to be estreated, delyuered, and certifyed at dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lord Chauncellour, or Keeper of the great Seale, and Treasurer, and other such persons, as thereunto shalbe named.

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after the tares and assesses of the sayde summes, vppon and by the sayde assessyng and certificate, as is aforesayde, made by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted, and haue aucthoritie by the Queenes Maiesties commission: shall with all speede, and without delay, by the wrytyng estreated of the sayde tare thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted, at the least, shalbe delyuered vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other officers ioyntly, of Hundredes, Townes, Paryshes, and other places aforesayde, within theyr lymittes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same, onely by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, aswell the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money taxed and set, of, and vppon euery person, aswell man as woman chargeable to this Acte, housholders, and all other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayde Paryshes, Townes, and places contributorie to this Acte of Subsedie. By aucthoritie of whiche wrytyng or estreate so delyuered, the sayde officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the delyuery of the sayde wrytyng or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same wrytyng or estreate comprysed, and for non payment thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so being behynde, by theyr goodes and cattelles, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not pay suche summe of money as shall be taxed by auctoritie of this Acte, within the same, viii. dayes: then the same distresse to be appraysed by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the sayd Constable, or other Collectours, for the payment of the sayd money, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale and keepyng thereof, (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse. Which sayd officers & other persons so deputed, to aske, take, gather, and leuie the sayde summes, shall aunswere and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limitted, to be gathered, leuyed and comprysed in the sayde wrytyng or estreate, so to them, as is aforesayde, delyuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her heyres and successours, and the sayde summe in that wrytyng or estreate comprysed, to pay vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, therevnto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes and officers, so

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gatheryng the same particuler summes, for theyr collection thereof, shal reteyne for euery .xx.s. so by them receyued and payde, two penne, and that to be alowed at the payment of theyr collection, by them to be made to the hygh Collectour or Collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the sayde aucthoritie, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more part of them, as shall take vppon them the execution and busines of the sayde Commission, shall for euery of the same paymentes of the sayde Subsedie, name such sufficient and hable persons, whiche then shall haue and possesse landes and other hereditamentes, in they owne ryght, of the yeerely value of .xx.li. or goodes to the value of two hundred Markes at the least, in Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuiledged, as without, not beyng foreprysed within this Acte to be hygh Collectours, and to haue the collection and receypt of the sayd summes, set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they shal be so limitted and appoynted to be hygh Collectours. And to euery of the sayd Collectours so seuerally named, the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the least, with all speede, and without delay, after the sayd whole summe of any payment of the sayd Subsedie, be set by al the limittes of the same theyr commission, or in such limittes as the hygh Collectours shalbe so seuerally assigned: shal vnder their seales and signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchement, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the said particuler summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne, or other place aforesayd, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, accordyng to the estreate so fyxt therof made and deliuered, as is aforesayd. And the Collectours so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswere the whole summe comprysed in the sayd estreate limitted to his collection, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners, hauing aucthoritie by this Acte, to name and nominate the sayd hygh Collectours of the sayd subsedie: shall immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligations, without any fee or reward to be payde therefore, of euery person so by them to be named to the high Collectour, to be bounden to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made vppon suche condition: That is to say, for the collection of the sayde fyxt payment of the sayde Subsedie, that yf the sayde Collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours, in the receypt of the sayde Exchequer, at or before the sayde fyxt of Apryll next ensuyng, so muche of the

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ſayde ſumme of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the ſame reſidue: that then the ſayd Recogniſaunces or Obligations to be voyde, or els to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſeconde payment of the ſayd Subſedie, vpon condition, that if the ſayd Collectour, his heyres, or executours, doo truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires, or ſucceſſours, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the fyrſt day of Apryl, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M.D.lxviii. ſo much of the ſayd ſumme of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch tyme as he hath gathered & collected the ſame reſidue: that then the ſayd Recogniſaunce or Obligation to be voyde, or els to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. Which ſayd ſeueral Recogniſaunces, or Obligations ſo taken, the ſayd Commiſſioners ſhall ſeuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maieſties Exchequer, with the ſeuerall certifycates of the ſayde taxations and rates of the paymentes of the ſayd Subſedie, at and by the tyme to them preſcribed and appoynted by this Acte, for the certifycate of the ſayd ſeuerall taxations of the ſayd Subſedie, vppon payne of forfeyture of. x.li. to the Queenes Maieſtie, for euery Recogniſaunce or Obligation not certifyed. And that euery ſuch Collectour, ſo elected, named, and choſen, vpon requeſt to hym made, ſhall knowledge and make the ſayd Recogniſaunce or Obligation, vppon lyke payne and forfeture of. x.li. to the Queenes Maieſtie, for the refuſall thereof. And euery Collectour, ſo deputed, hauyng the ſayde eſtreate in parchement, as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue aucthoritie by this Acte, to appoynt dayes and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the ſayde Subſedie, to hym to be made, and thereof to geue warnyng by Proclamation, or otherwyſe, to all the Conſtables or other perſons, or inhabitauntes, hauyng the charge of the particuler collection within the Hundredes, Paryſhes, Townes, or other places by hym or them limitted, to make payment for the ſayd particuler collection of euery ſumme, as to them ſhall apperteyne. And at the ſame day and place ſo limitted and prefired by the ſayd high Collectour, the ſayde Conſtable, officers, or other perſons, or inhabitauntes, as is aforeſayde, for the ſayde particuler collection aſſigned and appoynted within ſuche Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the ſayd high Collectours, the ſumme within their ſeuerall Hundredes, Townes, Pariſhes, and other places, due, and comprized in the ſayde eſtreate thereof to them deliuered by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or ſome of them, as is aforeſayde, or

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so muche thereof as they haue by any meane receyued (ii.d. of euery pounde, for the sayde particuler collection, as is aforesayde, alwayes to be thereof alowed, excepted, and abated:) that then it shall be lawfull to the sayde hygh Collectours, and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for theyr sayde seuerall and particuler collection of the sayde summes, comprysed in the sayde estreate and wryting thereof to them and euery of them, as is before expressed, delyuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuyed, and behynde and vnpayde, by the goodes and cattelles of euery of them so beyng behynde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and solde, as is aforesayde, and thereof to take and leuye the summes so then beyng behynde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus commyng of the sale of the sayd distresse (yf any be) to be restored and delyuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessour or Collectour, of, or for any part of the sayde Subsedie, in any place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde aucthoritie enacted, that yf any inhabitaunt, or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection or receypt of any part or portion of the sayde Subsedie, by any maner of meanes, accordyng to this Acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factour, or atturney, of, or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattels of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessyng to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of, and for the goodes and cattelles of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Mistierie, or other whatsoeuer comminaltie, being incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauyng in theyr rule, gouernaunce, and custody, any goodes or cattelles, at the time of the sayd assessing, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custody of any goodes or cattelles of any other person or persons, Corporatian, Comminaltie, Fraternitie, Guilde, or Mistierie, or any suche other lyke, or as factour, deputie, or atturney, of, or for any person: shalbe tared, rated, valued, and set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taration or assessyng vppon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so tared and set, or his goodes or cattels be so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert maner

maner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreates, or other wrytynges from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the sayde Commission, as is aforesayde, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprysed within the same estreates, by distresse within the limittes of theyr collection, as is aforesayde, or can not sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the sayd payments, before the tyme limitted to the hygh Collectour, for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receypt: then vppon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of suche person or persons as shalbe charged with and for the receypt and collection of the same, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe therevnto appoynted, where suche person or persons, or other, as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattels, were set and tared, and vpon playne certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had, as is aforesayde: then aswell the Constables and other inhabitantes appoynted for the sayde perticuler collection, agaynst the hygh Collecteurs, as the hygh Collectour vpon his accompt and othe in the sayd Exchequer to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the Queenes Maiestie, out of the said Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the sayde Exchequer, agaynst suche person, his heyres or executours, so beyng behind with his payment. And ouer that, that the same Commissioners to whom any suche declaration of the premisses shalbe made, in fourme aforesaid, from time to time, shal haue full power & authoritie, to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any summe, of, for & vpon any suche person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of suche place or places where any such person or persons so owyng such summe or summes, shal haue landes and tenements, or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes & cattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heyres, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custody, gouernance, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenements, or other hereditaments, which ought or may by this Acte lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath and shal haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenements, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons, may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limits of such Commission where suche person or persons was and were tared, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, Marches, or Territories.

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By which precept, aswell suche person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie suche money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and auctho̅rtie to distrayne euery suche person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or administratours of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, lesses, farmours, and assignes, and all other persons by whose handes, or out of whose landes, any suche person shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or whiche at the tyme of the sayd assessing, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thyng moueable, of any suche person or persons beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kept, appraysed and solde, in lyke manner and fourme, as is aforesayde for the distresse to be taken, vpon such persons to be tared to the sayde Subsedie, and beyng sufficient to distrayne within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vppon them to be tared. And if any suche distresse, for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuie the same: the persons so charged for the leuie of any suche summes by distresse, shal receyue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any suche person so laboureth for the same. ii. d. And euery Farmour, Tenaunt, Gardian, Factour, or other whatsoeuer person, being distrained, or otherwyse charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Act, shalbe of such summe or summes of hym or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next day of payment of the same, or at the delyuery of suche goodes and cattels, as he that is so distrayned had in his custody and gouernaunce, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so tared & set: any graunt or wryting obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore, notwithstandyng.

And yf any suche person that shoulde be so distrayned, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenauntes and Farmours may be distrayned, or haue eloyned or hid his goodes and cattelles, whereby he should or myght be distrayned, in such maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe of or by hym to be payde in the sayde fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuied: then vppon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therunto appoynted, where such person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of hym or them that shall be charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shall make a precept, in suche maner as is aforesayde, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of suche person or persons that ought to

the sayde summes, and by this Acte shalbe charged with and
e sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to keepe
ken, within the Shyre or other place, where any suche person
rsons shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without
e or mainprise, vntyl he hath payde the same summe or summes,
suche person for hym selfe, or for any other, by this Acte, shalbe
geable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of
r suche arrest, to hym or them that shall execute suche precept,
ntie pence. And that euery officer, vnto whom such precept shall
rected, doo his true diligence, and execute the same vppon euery
son so beyng indebted, vppon payne to forfeyte to the Queenes
suche for euery default in that behalfe. xx. s. And that no keeper
any Gayle, from his Gayle suffer any suche person to go at large
tryng to bayle, or otherwyse to depart out of his pryson, before
haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayd twentie pence for the sayd
rest, vpon payne to forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie. xl. s. and the
me Gayler to pay vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value,
weil of the rate which the sayde persons so imprisoned was tared
as of the sayde twentie pence for the fees. And lyke processe and
medie, in lyke fourme, shalbe graunted by the sayd Commissio-
rs, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shalbe therevn-
appointed, at lyke information of euery person or persons beyng
arged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons
raison of the sayd Subsedie, and not thereof payde, but wylfully
withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limittes where suche
sons were therevnto tared. And yf the summe or summes, beyng
yde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be le-
ed and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the
me Commissioners, or yf in defaulte or for lacke of payment there-
, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of
ney, by processe of the same Commissioners, to be made as is a-
sayde, be committed to pryson in fourme abouesayde: that then
e sayde Commissioners which shall awarde suche processe, shall
ake certificate thereof in the sayd Exchequer, of that shalbe done in
e premisses, in the Tearme next folowyng after suche summe or
mmes of money so beyng behynde, shalbe leuyed and gathered, or
suche person or persons for non payment of the same committed to
son.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or
Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborowe,
holder, Bayliffe, or any other officer or minister, or other what-
er person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or
of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde
missioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf

any of the officers or other persons doo refuse that to them shall a
pertayne and belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or the
to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or r
quest, touchyng the premisses, or other default, in any appearaun
or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to
indifferentiy taxed, as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined, acc
dyng to the tenour of this Acte, before the sayde Commissioner
or as many of them as shalbe therevnto assigned, as is aforesayd
or wyll not appeare before the same Commissioners vppon wa
nyng to hym made, or els make resistaunce or rescous, vppon a
distresse vppon hym to be taken for any parcell of the sayde Subs
die, or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of wyse contrary t
this Acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoeue
wylfull not doyng, or misdoyng contrary to the tenour of this Act
or graunt: The same Commissioners, and euery number of them
aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vppon probable
knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information, or exa-
mination, shall and may set vppon euery suche offendour for euery
suche offence, in name of a fyne, by the same offendour to be forfey-
ted, fourtie shyllynges, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Com-
missioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and euery number of
them, or two of them at the least, shall haue authoritie by this pre-
sent Acte, to punyshe euery such offendour by imprisonment, there to
remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shal seeme to them
conuenient, the sayde fines, yf any such be, to be certified by the sayde
Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes maiesties
sayd Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the Collectours of
that parties for the sayd Subsedie, returned into the sayde Exche-
quer, to be there with charged with the payment of the sayd Subse-
die, in suche maner, as yf the sayd fines had been set and taxed vpon
the sayd offendours, for the sayd Subsedie.

It is also enacted by the sayde authoritie of this present Par-
liament, that euery of the sayde hygh Collectours, which shall ac-
compt for any part of the sayde Subsedie in the sayde Exhequer,
vpon theyr seuerall accomptes to be yeelded, shalbe allowed at euery
of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsedie, for euery pounde li-
mitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charg-
ged and yeelde accompt. vi.d. as parcell of theyr charge: That is to
say, of euery pounde thereof, for suche person as then haue had the
particuler collection in the Townes and other places as is afore-
sayd, specified in his collection. ii.d. And other. ii.d. of euery pounde
thereof euery of the sayd chiefe Collectours or theyr accomptauntes,
to retayne to theyr owne vse, for theyr labour and charge, in and

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out the premisses. And. ii.d. of euery pounde residue to be delyue-
, allowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof
wed, to suche of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the
sinesse and labour for and about the premisses: That is to say, eue-
Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners, whiche
the orderyng of the wrytynges, of, and for the sayde Subsedie,
ere the sayde Collectour or Collectours had theyr collection,
the expences of the sayde Commissioners so takyng vppon them
sayde businesse and labour of theyr Clarkes wrytyng the sayde
ceptes and extractes for the sayde collections, the same last. ii. d.
euery pounde to be deuyded amongst the sayd Commissioners, ha-
yng regarde to theyr labour and businesse, taken by them or theyr
yde Clarkes, in, and about the premisses. For the which part so
the sayde Commissioners attaynyng, the sayde Commissioners,
.iii.iiii.iii. or two, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoyn-
ed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them,
ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayde parte, may haue his re-
medie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche thereof
been and myght haue been allowed, by action of debt, in whiche the
defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther
limitacion, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person nowe
yng of the number of the companie of this present Parliament,
ny Commissioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any Collec-
or Subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsedie, or of
y part thereof, nor no Commissioners shalbe, compelled to make
y presentment or certificate, other then in the Queenes Maie-
sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsedie, or
any part thereof. And lykewyse that no other person that shalbe
named or assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for the
execution of this Acte of Subsedie, be, or shalbe assigned or named
head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsedie,
nother of any part thereof. And that euery suche person or persons
whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head
Collectours, in, and for the fyrst payment of this Subsedie, shall not
be compelled to be Collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde
Subsedie, or for any part thereof. And the sayde Collectours, which
shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsedie, or for any
part thereof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquited and dis-
charged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in
the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of
them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any
thyng concernyng the same to be asked. And that yf any person
receyue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any suche accomp-
tant: that then he shall forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie, for

euery peny, or value of euery peny so taken, fiue shyllynges, and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxyng and assessing of the sayde Subsedies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchement, vnto the Collectour, in manner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the sayde Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limittes of theyr Commission, by theyr agrementes, shall haue meetyng togeather, at which meetyng, euery of the sayde Commissioners whiche then shall haue taken vppon them the execution of any part of the sayde commission, shall by hym self, or by his sufficient Deputie, truely certifie and bryng forth vnto the sayde Commissioners named in the sayde Commission, the certifycate and presentment, made before him and such other Commissioners as were limitted with hym in one limit, so that the same certifycate may be accompted and cast with the other certifycates of the other limittes within the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, yf any be in lyfe, or theyr executours, or administratours of theyr goodes yf they then be dead, shall ioyntly and seuerallye, as they were deuided within theyr limittes, vnder theyr seales, by theyr discretion, make one or seuerall writinges indented, containyng in it, aswel the names of the sayd Collectours, by the Commissioners for such collection and accomptes in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes wrytten vnto euery suche Collectours to receyue the sayde Subsedie. And also all fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures, if any such by reason of this Acte happen to be within the precinct & limit of theyr Commission, to be certifyed into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde Commissioners. In which wryting or wrytinges indented, so to be certifyed, shalbe playnely declared and expressed the whole and entire summe or summes of the sayde Subsedie, seuerally limitted to the collection of the sayde Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayde summes, so that none of the sayd Collectours so certifyed in the sayd Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but onely to and for the summe limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his fellowe, but euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for theyr part limitted to theyr collection. And if the sayd Commissioners ioyned in one commission, among them selues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Commissioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in fourme aforesayd, of theyr seuerall limits, or separations of Collectoures within the limittes of theyr Commission, vpon ? in

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the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke diuisions within theyr sayde seuerall limittes of theyr Commissions, as the places there shall require to be seuered and diuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good, to make diuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged to accompt for his part to hym to be limitted, onely by hym selfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours to be set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery suche Collectour, vpon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to be seuerally by hym selfe acquited & discharged in the sayd Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vppon the payne and penaltie last aboue sayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commissioner, after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is afore sayde, shall before any suche Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and wrytynges thereof bring in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsedie, or any other person, taxed, or otherwyse by this Acte charged with and for any parcel of the sayd Subsedie, or with any other summes, fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfeyture, happen to die, before the Commissioner, Collectour, or other, whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfyed, or sufficiently discharged that which to euery suche person shall apperteyne or belong to do, according to this Acte: then the executours and heyres of euery suche person, and all other hauing any landes and tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this Acte, and deceassyng before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse only had, of estate of inheritaunce, at the time that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwyse charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, sayed, or payde, by reason of this Acte: And all those that haue in their possessions or handes, any goodes, cattelles, leasses, or other thynges, that were to any suche person or persons at the tyme of his death, or any landes or tenementes, that were the same persons, at the tyme he was (as is afore sayd) charged by this Acte, shal be by the same compelled and charged, to do, and accomplyshe to do, in euery thyng as the same person so beyng charged shoulde haue done, and might haue been compelled to do, yf he had been in playne lyfe, after suche rate, of the landes and goodes of the sayde Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his hande. And yf the sayde Commissioners, for causes reasonable them moouyng, shall thynke

it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is aforesayde: then the sayde person or persons that shal fyrst ioyne togeather, or he that shall fyrst certifie the sayde wryting indented, as is aforesayd, shal certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherevpon such wrytinges shalbe there then to be certified, with diuision of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tythinges, or other places, to, & among such Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such separations and diuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as well of and for the sayde Subsedie, taxed or set, of or within the sayde Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to hym or them diuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde fyrst wryting, as of the fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfeytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes whereof the same wrytynges shalbe certifyed, and after such wryting indented, which, as is aforesayd, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and full summes set and taxed within the limittes of the same commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the sayd Subsedie, shall certifie into the sayd Exchequer, by theyr wryting or wrytinges indented, to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and taxed within the places to them limitted for the sayd Subsedie, and other fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, & forfeytures, with the names of the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wrytynges indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for theyr excuses, why they may not make suche certificate, of, and for the sayd Subsedie, fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures growyng or set by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of theyr non certifying, as is abouesayd, or els in defaulte thereof, processe to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, agaynst the sayde Commissioners, and euery of them, not makyng certificate, as is aforesayd, by the discretion of the Treasourer or Barons of the sayd Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the Paryshe of Saint Martin, called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamforde, in the South part of the water there, called Welland, which hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsedie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours: shalbe assessed, rated, and tared for this tyme, by suche Commissioners whiche shalbe appoynted for the taxyng, ratyng and sessyng of suche Subsedie or tare, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayd Subsedie

Subsedie to the Collectour or Collectours whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted, for the leuying and gatheryng of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the sayde Borough & Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, hauing manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsedie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauyng Spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in theyr conuocation, and ouer this, hauyng substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde Acte: that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and Spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared for his or theyr goodes and cattelles, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this Acte for his and theyr sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayd goodes and cattelles, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsedie, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes & dwellers in Irelande, Jerneley and Garneley, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, which any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers, haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for theyr attendaunce and doyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady in Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them: Any thing in this present Acte to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also that this present Acte of Subsedie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englyshe inhabitauntes or resiauntes, in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within the sayde Countie of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the

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Towne of Newcastell vpon Tine, or the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, wyche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for theyr attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastell vpon Tine, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, to, or for the sayde taxyng, leuying, gatheryng, or payment: but that the Englyshe inhabitauntes and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the sayde Counties, Bysshoprycke, and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of, and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattelles, lying & beyng in the sayd Counties, Townes, and Bysshoprycke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: Any thyng in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that all letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes, within this realme, of any maner of liberties, priuiledges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present tyme in force and bayleable, shall remayne good and effectuall, to the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vppon the great and wayghtie consideration of the graunt aboue sayd, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, fourme, and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche be not in any wyse priuileged, but be by this Acte charged.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no Orphant or Infant within the age of .xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to hym or her leaft or bequeathed: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the Vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Winton founded by Bysshop Wykham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton next Wyndsor, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuennes, onely assigned or appoynted for the sustentation and lyuynges of the poore Knyghtes, founded in the Castell or Colledge of Wyndsor by our late Soueraigne Lorde King Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes or cattelles of the sayde Knyghtes, or of any of them, or to the

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goodes or landes of any common free Grammer Schoole within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Schoolemaster, or Scholer, or any graduate resiaunt or remayning in studie, without fraude or couin, within any of the sayde Vniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any theyr seruauntes lawfully attendaunt vppon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almes man, or seruauntes belongyng to any of the sayde Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostelles, and dwellyng and resiaunt within the sayde Vniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, and Suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Measondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relefe of poore people: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any thyng therein conteyned, doo not in any wyse extende, or be preiuditiall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fyue Portes corporate, or to any of theyr members incorporate or vnited to the same fyue Portes, or to any of the same fyue Portes, of, or for any part or parcell of the sayde Summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or payde: But the same inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fyue Portes, and their members, be, and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, duryng theyr resiauncie there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoeuer thyng in this present Acte, had or made to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitantes and dwellers within the Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan, be at this present tyme charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and seuerall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, and to tht Queenes hyghnesse that now is, and not vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that this Acte of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers within anye of the sayde Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan,

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with this present Subsedie, or any of the paymentes thereof graun-
ted by this Acte, vntyll the last day for them appoynted for the pay-
ment of the last Subsedie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie that
nowe is, be fully expired. And that then the fyrst payment of the
sayde Subsedie, graunted by this present Acte, shalbe by them made
at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, at or before the fyrst day of
Nouember next folowyng after the sayde last day appoynted for
the payment of the last Subsedie. And the seconde payment of this
Subsedie, to be made at the sayde receypt of Exchequer, before the
fyrst day of June then next folowyng.

God saue the Queene.

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